



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Saturday Movie Matinee: *War Horse*

In honor of Veteran's Day, watch the modern-day classic *War Horse*, **Saturday, November 11, 2-4:30 p.m.** British teenager Albert enlists to serve in World War I after his beloved horse is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and to the front lines as the war rages on. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.



Free Confidential Memory Screenings

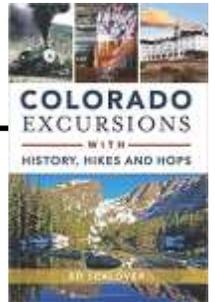
The National Memory Screening Program will conduct free memory screenings at Bemis on **Monday, November 13, 9:30-4 p.m.** A memory screening is a simple and safe "healthy brain check-up." **Please call 303-217-5864 to schedule an appointment.** Each screening takes about 10 minutes. While the result is not a diagnosis, it can suggest if someone should see a physician for a full evaluation.

Sisters of Courage

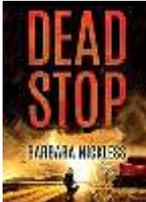
In "Sisters of Courage," performer Dave Lively follows one family through the turmoil of the last half of the 19th century on **Monday, November 13, 2-3 p.m.** The Civil War, Westward Expansion, and the Panic of 1893 take on new meaning as their impact on a single family is portrayed. Enjoy their story leading up to the development of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, and Hops

Colorado is replete with natural beauty, award-winning breweries and a history that reflects its wild and rugged character. Somewhere between hiking, history and drinking, find the soul of Colorado. Hear Denver journalist Ed Sealover **Tuesday, November 14, 7 p.m.** as he showcases journeys from his new guidebook *Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, and Hops*.



Dead Stop - Author Talk with Barbara Nickless



Join author Barbara Nickless, winner of the Colorado Book Award for best mystery, **Thursday November 16, 7 p.m.**, as she discusses *Dead Stop*, her much-anticipated second book in the Sydney Parnell series. Set against the backdrop of the Mile High City, Parnell wades through a murky trail of murder that stretches back 30 years—all to rescue a child and catch a killer with a long memory and an insatiable appetite for destruction.

Musical Performance: Joe Peterson Orchestra

Enjoy the nine-piece Joe Peterson Orchestra and vocalists as they perform patriotic songs honoring our veterans in this special Veteran's Day tribute performance on **Saturday, November 18, 2 p.m.** The performance will be held in the library's large meeting room.



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Get Your Crafting On~ Crafts for Grownups

Join us for a different craft on the third Sunday of each month. The library will provide supplies and instruction. 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, November 19, 2-3:30 p.m.**



Make a Scene
Create tiny scenes enclosed in mason jars. Add water and glitter for a homemade snow globe, or leave room to add plants.

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, November 27, 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.

Wills, Trusts, & Powers of Attorney

Planning for disability and death can give you peace of mind, reduce burdens for your loved ones, and help you leave a legacy instead of a mess. Learn about the available tools to plan for disability and death - including powers of attorney, advance medical directives, wills, and trusts on **Monday, November 27, 2–4 p.m.** Find out how to avoid the common mistakes people make when deciding how to allocate their assets.

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.

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.

Dec. 4*: *Esperanza Rising*
by Pam Muñoz Ryan

Esperanza Ortega lives in a beautiful home filled with servants and the promise of one day presiding over all of Rancho de las Rosas. But tragedy shatters that dream, forcing Esperanza and Mama to flee from Mexico to California and settle in a farm labor camp.



* We will meet at 1 p.m. for Dec. only.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

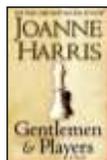


Angela Gillespie has sent to friends and family around the world an end-of-the-year letter titled "Hello from the Gillespies." It's always been cheery and full of good news. This year, Angela surprises herself—she tells the truth....

Jan. 22*: *Gentlemen and Players*

by Joanne Harris

For generations, privileged young men have attended St. Oswald's Grammar School for Boys. This year, however, the wind of unwelcome change is blowing, and as the new term gets under way, a number of incidents befall students and faculty alike, beginning as small annoyances but soon escalating in both number and consequence.



* We will meet on the fourth Monday in Jan. due to the MLK holiday.

◆ Genre Addicts Book Club

Second Wednesday of the month in Sophie's Place from 7–8 p.m.

Nov. 8: *What Might Have Been... Alternative History*

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. This month, we're going through the time-vortex to see what could have been. Whether it's straight forward alternate history by Harry Turtledove, a well-orchestrated time-heist by Kage Baker, or aliens sending a slice of the year 2000 back to 1632 for the sake of art in Eric Flint's novels, the possibilities of time travel and changing history are fascinating. Pick your favorite "what might have been..." and join us for a strictly unreal history lesson.



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 Wi-Fi is available throughout the library.



We also offer free computer and Internet classes on a regular basis. To learn about or register for an upcoming class and/or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961. You also may register for classes online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org.

Classes and open computer lab are held from 9:30–11 a.m. One-on-One Tech Help is offered by appointment only on Wednesdays, 2–3:30 p.m.

◆ **iPhone Basics:** **Monday, November 6**
Registration required. Get familiar with your iPhone as we cover how to access apps, use the calendar and Internet, take photos, and change settings.

Prerequisites: iPhone with iOS 10 or newer. Call the library if you don't know the number of your phone's iOS software.

◆ **Writing a Resume with Microsoft Word:** **Monday, November 13**

Registration required. Learn how to use MS Word's formatting tools to create a resume. We will cover formatting, horizontal line breaks, inserting symbols, changing margins and saving documents as a PDF.

Prerequisites: Computer and MS Word basics (familiarity with keyboard, mouse and previous use of MS Word).

◆ **Making Cards with Microsoft Publisher:** **Monday, November 20**

Registration required. Learn how to use MS Publisher to make greeting cards. We will cover styles, how to insert images, change colors and themes, and how to print.

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse).



◆ **One-on-One Technology Help:** **Wednesdays, 2–3:30 p.m.**

Registration required for one-on-one appointments. Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with everything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address.

◆ **Open Computer Lab: 9:30–11 a.m.**

Every Thursday morning. No registration required. Get answers to all your computer-related questions. Practice your skills and have one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive help downloading ebooks and audiobooks to your device.



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!

Nov. 4: *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, 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.

Nov. 16, Dec. 21 and Jan. 18

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Nov. 24: Holiday, no meeting scheduled.

Dec. 22 and Jan. 26

Painting with Light



Create a photograph by “painting” a design in the air with a light source on **Saturday, November 18, 2-3:30 p.m.** CSI technicians use this photography trick to photograph a dark room, but we’ll be using it for some cool alternative photos. We’ll create some “ghostly-image” photos, too. Although we’ll have a camera for this event, you can bring your own if you have a camera with a manual shutter control, a tripod, and a timer. We’ll have some colored glowsticks, but you can bring your own as well if you want. *Registration required.* Contact teen librarian Mark at 303-795-3961 or libmd@littletongov.org to register.

Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

♦ **Dungeons and Dragons**

Saturday, November 4 & 18, noon

♦ **Board Game Friday**

Friday, November 10, 4-7:30 p.m.*

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

♦ **STEAM Tuesday**

Tuesday, November 14, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Check out all the tech gadgets in the teen area.

Children’s Programs



Winter Reading Program



A special winter reading program just for independent readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading log in the library **beginning Nov. 18**, read chapter books and record the number of pages read. Meet goals by completing a certain number of pages based on grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep. Visit us in the Children’s Room to find out more.

Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Monday, November 20, 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.



Hogwarts Magic Class

With Inspector Magic’s expert instructions on **Monday, November 20, 2-3 p.m.**, kids in grades 1-5 will learn numerous magic tricks and how to entertain with them while gaining confidence and improving their self-esteem. Following the class, children will be able to amaze their friends and family!

Reservations required. To sign up, call 303-795-3961 beginning November 11.

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children’s Room **anytime between 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 21**, for some make and take crafty fun. For all ages. No reservations needed.

Movie Matinee: *The Wild Life*



See the Robinson Crusoe story from the point of view of the adorable close-knit group of animals who live on the island where Crusoe finds himself shipwrecked on **Tuesday, November 21, 2 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under age 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Length: 91 minutes. *Reservations required.* To sign up, call 303-795-3961 beginning Nov. 11.



Scenes from *The Nutcracker*

The Littleton Youth Ballet will get you in the mood for the holidays on **Saturday, November 25, 1-1:45 p.m.** with a free dance showcase featuring excerpts from *The Nutcracker*. This program is for families with children ages 3 and older. *Reservations required.* To sign up, call 303-795-3961 beginning November 11.

The Polar Express



Don’t miss our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train on **Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.** For families with children ages 3 and up. *Reservations Required.* Call 303-795-3961 beginning November 18 to register.

Ongoing Programs

No story times the week of November 20.

♦ **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 age 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. *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 & 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 November 2 & 3.

♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: For kids in grades K-5, Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m.**

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

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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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Senior Wii Bowling

Research has shown that playing on the Wii offers some great health benefits for seniors. Studies



have shown seniors who play have increased balance, flexibility, mental acuity, sleep, and appetite. They also have decreased depression and worry/anxiety. So, whether you're an expert Wii bowler or have never tried it before, come meet some new friends and experience the fun of Wii bowling on **Thursday, November 16, 2–3 p.m.** If you're not familiar with the Wii, we'll teach you how to play. It takes less than five minutes to learn. If you can hold a TV remote and move your arm, you can bowl on the Wii. No registration required.

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ♦ ***The Polar Express**, For families with kids ages 3 & up, Saturday, December 2, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.
- ♦ **A Victorian Holiday with the Molly Brown House Museum** Monday, December 4, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Performance: Smithsonian Handbell Ensemble** Saturday, December 9, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Avoiding Charitable Fraud and Other Seasonal Scams** Monday, December 11, 2–3:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: Dunkirk** Saturday, December 16, 2–4 p.m.

* This program requires a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.

Schedule of Library Events

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1 *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, Nov. 2 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 3 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4 Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon

*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell no Tales*, PG-13, 2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 6 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*iPhone Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8 *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: What Might Have Been... Alternative History, 7–8 p.m.

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

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 10 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 11 *Paws to Read, Grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Movie Matinee: *War Horse*, 2–4:30 p.m., PG-13

Monday, Nov. 13 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Free Confidential Memory Screenings, By appointment, 9:30–4 p.m.
*Writing a Resume with MS Word, 9:30–11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 14 Sisters of Courage, 2–3 p.m.

*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, and Hops, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 15 *Story Box, 10 a.m.

Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Wednesday, Nov. 15 All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16 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.

Dead Stop: Author Talk with Barbara Nickless, 7 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 17 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 18 Musical Performance with the Joe Peterson Orchestra, 2 p.m.

*Painting with Light, Teen Program, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 19 *Crafts for Grownups, Make a Scene, 2–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 20 *Making Cards with MS Publisher, 9:30–11 a.m.

Busy Bodies at Bemis, For kids ages 2–6 and caregivers, 10–10:30 a.m.

*Hogwarts Magic Class, For kids in grades 1–5, 2–3 p.m.

Mon. Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 Drop-in Crafts, For kids of all ages, 10–11:30 a.m.

*Movie Matinee: *The Wild Life*, For ages 3 & up, Rated PG, 2 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 22 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Thursday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day **LIBRARY CLOSED**

Thursday, Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Day **LIBRARY CLOSED**

Saturday, Nov. 25 *Scenes from *The Nutcracker*, For families with kids ages 3 & up, 1–1:45 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 27 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 *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, Nov. 30 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 1 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Dec. 2 Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Noon

*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m.

*The Polar Express, For families with kids ages 3 & up, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

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