



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

A Victorian Holiday with the Molly Brown House Museum

Join us for this special, historical performance with the Molly Brown House and Museum on **Monday, December 4, 2-3 p.m.** Celebrate the holidays like the Victorians!



Musical Performance: Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble

Enjoy a special holiday musical performance with Littleton's own handbell choir, the Smithtonian Handbell Ensemble on **Saturday, December 9, 2-3 p.m.** Performing traditional holiday favorites along with contemporary holiday music, the Smithtonians are sure to delight and entertain.



Avoiding Charitable Fraud and Other Seasonal Scams

Holidays and natural disasters are two of the most common occasions for charity fraud. Unsuspecting donors are often tricked into clever ways of contributing to charities that sound legitimate, but are in fact hoaxes. The joy of the holidays also can be dampened by identity thieves who take advantage of the hustle and bustle of the season to steal credit cards and other financial information. Learn methods to recognize legitimate charities and avoid charitable scams on **Monday, December 11, 2-3:30 p.m.** from Barbara Martin-Worley of the Consumer Fraud Protection division of the 18th Judicial District Attorney's office.

Saturday Movie Matinée: *The Glass Castle*

See the movie based on Jeanette Walls' best-selling memoir, *The Glass Castle*, on **Saturday, December 16, 2-4 p.m.** A young girl comes of age in a dysfunctional family of nonconformist nomads with an eccentric artist mother and an alcoholic father who stir their children's imaginations with hope as a distraction to poverty. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.



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Crafts for Grownups: Treat Yourself

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, December 17, 2 p.m.
Treat Yourself**

We can all use a little relaxation around the holidays - so let's spoil ourselves (or someone else) with some home-made spa treats. Personalized, scented bath salts, spicy sugar scrubs, refreshing herbal teas... we'll make this season as tranquil as we can.

Holiday Book Sale



Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the Friends' Holiday Book Sale through **Sunday, December 31**. Donated books in pristine condition that are truly gift worthy and all at reasonable prices. You'll find craft, cooking, and children's books, as well as fiction, history, current events, gardening, biography, and more.

Food for Fines

Donate a non-perishable unexpired food item and have an overdue fine removed from your Bemis library record through **Sunday, December 31**. Offer does not apply to lost or damaged books. Food will benefit Integrated Family Community Services which helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



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, December 11, 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 join us for some stimulating discussions.

◆ **Senior Book Club**

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

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.

◆ **Jan. 8*:** *Aviator's Wife*
by Melanie Benjamin

For much of her life, Anne Morrow, the shy daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, has stood in the shadows of those around her, including her millionaire father and vibrant older sister, who often steals the spotlight. Then Anne, a college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family. There she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic.



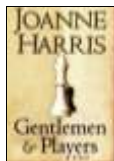
*We will meet on the second Monday in Jan. due to the New Year's Day holiday.

◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Dec. 18: No Meeting
Jan. 22*: *Gentlemen & 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 January due to the MLK holiday.

◆ **Genre Addicts Book Club**

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

Dec. 13: **Reader's Favorite Book**
Each month, we will feature a different genre and meet to chat about titles and authors in that category. This month there are no boundaries - it's all about what lifts your spirits, cheers you up, and warms your heart. Reread an old favorite and then tell us about your personal "desert island" book. This is the perfect time to revisit your favorite book and share it with the group.

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 by appointment only on Wednesdays, 2–3:30 p.m. No Classes, one-on-one or open labs December 20–January 2.

◆ **Making a Household Budget with Excel: Monday, December 4**

Learn how to track and manage your household expenses. We will learn how to create tables, use sums, and format a spreadsheet. *Registration required.*

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

◆ **Storing Photos with Google: Monday, December 11**

Never misplace a photo file again when you learn how to use Google Photos. We will cover uploading files, organizing files in albums, and downloading photos. *Registration required.*

◆ **Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse), and a Gmail account. Call the library if you need help setting up a Gmail account.

◆ **Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint: Monday, December 18**

Learn how to create and edit a PowerPoint presentation. We will cover adding slides, changing themes, adding images, and changing color schemes. Also, learn how to print slides in different layouts. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse including right and left mouse clicks), and beginning MS Word (copy, paste, save, and basic formatting).



◆ **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 anything 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.**



For more information, call the library at 303-795-3961 and ask for the Teen Deck or send an email to libem@littletongov.org.

◆ **Teen Movies**

First Saturday of the month @ 2 p.m.

Dec. 2: No movie

Jan. 6: *Despicable Me 3*



◆ **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.*

Dec. 21, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Dec. 22: No meeting

Jan. 26 and Feb. 23: Summer Reading

Holiday Decorating Party

Help the Teen Advisory Group decorate the library for the holidays on **Friday, December 1, 4-7 p.m.** Light snacks and lemonade will be provided. Feel free to bring a treat to share with everyone. After we decorate, we'll play some fun games. *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required. Register by calling the library at 303-795-3961.*

Holiday Crafts as Gifts

Create a special handmade gift that shows you care. Stop by the teen deck in the afternoon each week in December to get supplies and directions for making your own gifts—*while supplies last.*

◆ **Week 1-Dec. 4-9:**

Paracord Bracelets

◆ **Week 2-Dec. 11-16:**

Candy Cane Reindeer

◆ **Week 3-Dec. 18-22:**

Duct Tape gifts



Make a Gingerbread House

Create a gingerbread masterpiece on **Sunday, December 10, 1:30-3 p.m.**

The library will provide basic supplies. Bring extra building materials as long as they are edible. Houses will be on display at Bemis during December for a contest. The public will vote for their favorite house. The winner will receive a \$25 Visa gift card.

Open to all ages. *Registration is required. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.*



Children's Programs



The Polar Express

Be a part of 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 to register.*



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, December 9 and Tuesday, December 26, 11-11:30 a.m.** for music, movement, games and fun. For children ages 2-6 and their caregivers.

Merry Makers' Workshop



Calling all elves in grades 1-5. Do you want to surprise someone with a gift this holiday season? Come to the library on **Wednesday, December 13, 5-5:45 p.m.** The library will provide the materials you need to make and wrap a special gift. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 to sign up.*

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room **anytime between 1-2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19**, for some make and take crafty fun. For ages 3 and up. No reservations needed.

Ice Cream Science

Learn about the science behind your favorite frozen treat, dippin' dots on **Wednesday, December 27, 2-3 p.m.** We'll make a cup of ice cream in two minutes using liquid nitrogen at -322° F and show what happens to everyday materials at those frigid temperatures. For ages 3 and up. Children under age 6 must attend with an adult. *Reservations required beginning December 16.*

Movie Matinée – Cars 3



Enjoy the animated movie *Cars 3* on **Thursday, December 28, 2-3:45 p.m.** Lightning McQueen sets out to prove he's still the best race car in the world. For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Snacks will be provided. Rated G. Length: 102 minutes. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 to register beginning December 16.*

"Noon" Year's Party

Soar into the new year on **Saturday, December 30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.** Families with children of all ages, join us for treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball... on the 30th at noon. A hilarious performance by Bryce Jackman will be followed by things that fly, sail and soar as he leads the group in making three different paper aircraft. The fun continues with a family dance party. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 to register beginning December 16.*



Ongoing Programs

Weekly programs end on December 22 and resume on January 8.

◆ **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 December 7 & 8.

◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: For kids in grades K-5, Saturday, December 9 at 2 p.m.**

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



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Afternoon Activities in the Teen Area

◆ Anime & Manga Club

Saturday, December 2 & 16, 2–3:30 p.m.

If you like anime and manga, this is the place for you. The group will watch various episodes of anime each month, and then discuss and share knowledge of the genre. Meet new friends that share your interest and learn about new titles you never knew existed. No registration required, just drop by.

◆ Board Game Friday

Friday, December 8, 4–7:30 p.m.*

We have a huge selection of games, from classics like “Stratego,” to deck-building games like “Hogwarts Battle.”

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

◆ STEAM Tuesday

Tuesday, December 12, 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Check out all the tech gadgets available in the teen area.

Upcoming Events

Don't miss these library events coming next month:

- ◆ **Soapy Smith: Con Artist and Gangster**
Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore Author Talk with Matthew Sullivan**
Friday, January 12, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Performance with Jerry Barlow**
Saturday, January 13, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **The Newcomers Author Talk with Helen Thorpe**
Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Saturday Movie Matinee: Dunkirk**
Saturday, January 20, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Global Warming: Should you be concerned?**
Monday, January 22, 2–3 p.m.
- ◆ **Advance Care Planning**
Monday, January 29, 2–4 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Dec. Art Exhibit	5 Artist Friends Art Show, December 1–31	Thursday, Dec. 14	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, Dec. 1	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. *Teen Holiday Decorating Party, 4–7 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 15	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2	Teen Anime & Manga Club, 2–3:30 p.m. *The Polar Express, For families with kids ages 3 & up, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 16	Saturday Movie Matinée: <i>The Glass Castle</i> , PG-13, 2–4 p.m. Teen Anime & Manga Club, 2–3:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 4	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Making a Household Budget with Excel, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Book Club, 1 p.m. A Victorian Holiday with the Molly Brown House Museum, 2–3 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 17	*Crafts for Grownups, Treat Yourself, 2 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 5	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Monday, Dec. 18	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint, 9:30–11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 6	*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.	Tuesday, Dec. 19	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Crafts, For ages 3 and up, 1–2 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 7	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 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.
Friday, Dec. 8	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.	Thursday, Dec. 21	Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Teen VR Gaming, 3–4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 9	Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m. *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, Grades K–5, 2 p.m. Musical Performance: Smithontians Handbell Choir, 2–3 p.m.	Friday, Dec. 22	*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. LIBRARY CLOSSES AT NOON
Sunday, Dec. 10	*Make a Gingerbread House, 1:30–3 p.m.	Saturday, Dec. 23	Christmas Holiday LIBRARY CLOSED
Monday, Dec. 11	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Storing Photos with Google, 9:30–11 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m. Avoiding Charitable Fraud and Other Seasonal Scams, 2–3:30 p.m. Genre Addicts Book Club: Reader's Favorite Book, 7–8 p.m.	Sunday, Dec. 24	Christmas Holiday LIBRARY CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec. 12	*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 25	Christmas Holiday LIBRARY CLOSED
Wednesday, Dec. 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. *Merry Makers' Workshop, For grades 1–5, 5–5:45 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 26	Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m.
		Wednesday, Dec. 27	*Ice Cream Science, For ages 3 and up, 2–3 p.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
		Thursday, Dec. 28	*Movie Matinée: <i>Cars 3</i> , For ages 3 and up, Rated G, 2–3:45 p.m.
		Saturday, Dec. 30	*“Noon” Year's Party, For families with kids of all ages, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
		Monday, Jan. 1	New Year's Day LIBRARY CLOSED
		Wednesday, Jan. 3	International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
		Thursday, Jan. 4	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

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