



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Soapy Smith: Con Artist & Gangster



Learn about the crimes and exploits of the infamous Denver con artist, Soapy Smith, as performed by Mark Strivings on **Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m.** Though the most famous grifter of his time, Smith was a complicated soul, both a criminal and a generous man.

Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore: Author Talk with Matthew Sullivan

Set against the backdrop of the Tattered Cover bookstore where the author worked for four years, join us for a special reading and author talk with *Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore* author Matthew Sullivan on **Friday, January 12, 3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Musical Performance with Jerry Barlow



Enjoy a special musical performance with acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow on **Saturday, January 13, 2–3 p.m.** Barlow's musical repertoire is a synthesis of traditional music from the British Isles and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions.

The Newcomers: Author Talk with Helen Thorpe

Join award-winning journalist and author Helen Thorpe on **Tuesday, January 16, 7 p.m.** as she discusses her latest book, *The Newcomers: Finding Refuge, Friendship, and Hope in an American Classroom*. The book follows the lives of 22 immigrant teenagers throughout the course of a school year at South High School in Denver in a beginner level English Language Acquisition class. Speaking no English, unfamiliar with American culture, the students face the enormous challenge of adapting to American life. Books will be available for purchase at the event.



Saturday Movie Matinée: Dunkirk



See the critically acclaimed film *Dunkirk* on **Saturday, January 20, 2–4 p.m.** Centered on the Dunkirk evacuation of World War II, Allied soldiers from Belgium, Britain, and France are trapped and surrounded by the German Army. The brave troops must fight a fierce battle to evacuate and survive. Free refreshments at the film. Rated PG-13.

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Crafts for Grownups: A New Year, A Blank Page

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.

Create your own book for the coming year on **Sunday, January 21, 2 p.m.** Use it as an idea book, art journal, diary or book of me. We'll provide plenty of supplies, but if you have pictures, special papers or other scraps you want to highlight, feel free to bring them with you.



AWRC Monthly Grab, Gab & Go Event

Stop by the AWRC monthly **Grab, Gab & Go Event** on **Monday, January 22 and 29, 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.

Global Warming: Should You Be Concerned?

The longer we continue to add carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases to our earth's atmosphere, the more detrimental will be the consequences to human life. Solutions will be discussed on **Monday, January 22, 2–3 p.m.** Join local physicist H. William Koch for this thought-provoking presentation.

Advance Care Planning

Learn the importance of advance care planning and advance directives from Natalie DeVille, an Aging Life Care Manager with Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountains on **Monday, January 29, 2–4 p.m.** DeVille will discuss assessing your values, choosing a medical power of attorney, and talking with your loved ones about your wishes. She will explain the different advance directive forms specific to Colorado, such as Living Will and Medical Power of Attorney. Topics such as organ donation and other after-death planning also will be discussed.



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>.

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.

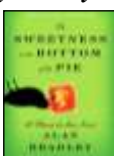
Jan. 8*: *The Aviator's Wife*
by Melanie Benjamin

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.

Feb 5: *The Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie*
by Alan Bradley

At the once-grand mansion of Buckshaw, young Flavia de Luce, an aspiring chemist with a passion for poison, is intrigued by a series of inexplicable events: a dead bird is found on the doorstep, a postage stamp bizarrely pinned to its beak. Then hours later, Flavia finds a man lying in the cucumber patch and watches him as he takes his dying breath. For Flavia who is both appalled and delighted, life begins in earnest when murder comes to Buckshaw.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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 Jan. due to the MLK holiday.

◆ Feb. 26*: *The Speed of Dark*
by Elizabeth Moon

A gripping exploration into the world of Lou Arrendale, an autistic man who is offered a chance to try a brand-new experimental "cure" for his condition. Now Lou must decide if he should submit to a surgery that might completely change the way he views the world . . . and the very essence of who he is.

*We will meet on the fourth Monday in Feb. due to President's Day holiday.

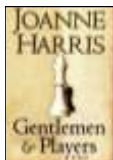
◆ Genre Addicts Book Club

Second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Each month we feature a different genre.

Jan 10: Cozy Mysteries

Feb. 14: Quirky Love Stories



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 are held from 9:30–11 a.m.**

◆ Editing Photos Using Fotor—Mon., Jan. 8:

Fotor is a powerful, free online photo editor. Learn how to upload photos, use basic editing techniques, and add fun effects such as stickers and frames. *Registration required.*

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

◆ Intermediate MS Word—Fri., Jan. 19:

Learn about headers and footers, working with images, adding and using tables, and other useful formatting tools. *Registration required.*

◆ **Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse), and MS Word basics (be comfortable using Word, know use of basic formatting tools such as bullets and text options).

◆ Google Drive Basics—Mon., Jan. 22:

Learn how to create a document using Google Docs, save and share documents in Google Drive. Class will receive an overview of other Google Drive apps. *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.

◆ Facebook Basics—Mon., Jan 29:

Learn the ins and outs of this social media platform as we discuss everything from changing your profile picture to managing your privacy settings. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse), and an email account. Call the library if you need help setting up an email account.

◆ 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. Practice computer skills and have 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.



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.

Jan. 6: *Despicable Me 3*, Rated PG



♦ **Virtual Reality Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3-4:30 p.m.

We've got the PSVR, plus a huge selection of games. *Virtual reality games are for ages 12 & up only.*

Jan. 18, Feb. 15 and Mar. 15

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

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

Jan. 26, Feb. 23 and Mar. 23: Summer Reading Planning

An Afternoon of Comedy Improv

Take part in some fun-filled improvisational acting skits on **Saturday, January 20, 2-3:30 p.m.** Learn the basic rules of improv and get a chance to perform in a variety of hilarious skits. *Space is limited for this event, and registration is required.* To register for this event, call the library at 303-795-3961 or send an email to libem@littletongov.org.

Afternoon Activities on the Teen Deck

♦ **Anime & Manga Club**

Saturday, January 6, 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.

♦ **STEAM Tuesday**

Tuesday, January 9, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

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

♦ **Board Game Friday**

Friday, January 12, 4-7:30 p.m.*

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

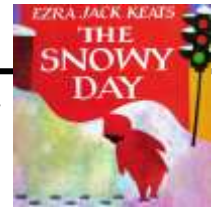
* *This will be an after-hours event. Participants need to arrange for a ride home.*

Children's Programs



Let it Snow!

A flurry of activity awaits on **Wednesday, January 3, 10:30-11 a.m.** Listen to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, then play with special snow paint to create tracks in the "snow" just like Peter in the story. For children ages 3-6.



Math Matters—Patterns Here, There & Everywhere!

Join us on **Thursday, January 4, 10:30-11 a.m.** as we explore patterns in their many different forms, such as how they are used in books and songs. We will use manipulatives to extend and create patterns of our own. For kids ages 4-7.



Zumba for Kids



Don't miss this rockin', high-energy dance party on **Thursday, January 4, 2-3 p.m.** packed with kid-friendly routines led by licensed Zumba Kids instructor, Kristy Lone. Learn step-by-step Zumba moves and enjoy a fun dance mix to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives.

Children benefit by learning patterns, developing coordination, and increasing memory skills as well. For grades K-5. *Reservations required.* Come in or call 303-795-3961 for reservations.

Busy Bodies at Bemis

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



Ongoing Programs

Weekly programs 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 January 11th and 12th.

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

Saturday, January 6 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, January 13, 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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Free Tax Assistance at Life Center

Free tax preparation assistance, previously available at Bemis, is now available at Life Center, 5804 S. Datura Street.



Two programs are being offered:

- ◆ **IRS/VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance)**
If your household income is \$65,000 per year or less, you may qualify to receive free tax preparation assistance. **IRS-trained volunteers will be at Life Center from Jan. 31–April 11 on Wed., 5–9 p.m. and Sat., noon–5 p.m.** No pre-registration required.

- ◆ **AARP Tax Assistance**
If you are a low- to middle-income taxpayer, you may qualify to receive AARP tax preparation assistance. **Trained volunteers will be at Life Center for appointments from Feb. 2–April 10 on Tues. and Fri., 9:15 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Appointments are required for this tax assistance. To make an appointment, call Life Center at 303-953-7180. Appointments can be made beginning Jan. 15.** Note that you do not need to be a member of AARP or be of a certain age to receive tax assistance.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy these library events coming next month:

A Colorado Winter with John Fielder
February 5, 7 p.m.

Extreme Couponing Workshop
February 10, 2 p.m.

The FBI Wife–February 12, 2–3 p.m.

Musical Performance: Latin Love Songs
February 17, 2 p.m.

Sat. Movie Matinée: Battle of the Sexes
February 24, 2–4 p.m.

John Voehl as Abraham Lincoln
February 26, 2 p.m.

Black History Live Tour–February 27, 7 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Jan. Art Exhibit Front Range Wildlife Photographers Show, Jan. 2–31

Monday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Wednesday, Jan. 3 Let it Snow! For ages 3–6, 10:30–11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle
Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Thursday, Jan. 4 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Math Matters–Patterns Here, There and Everywhere, For ages 4–7, 10:30–11 a.m.

*Zumba for Kids, For grades K–5, 2–3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6 Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m.

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

Teen Movie: *Despicable Me 3*, PG, 2 p.m.

Anime & Manga Club, 2–3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 8 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Editing Photos Using Fotor, 9:30–11 a.m.

Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

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

Teen STEAM Event, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Soapy Smith: Con Artist and Gangster, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 *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: Cozy
Mysteries, 7–8 p.m.

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

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 12 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Midnight at the Bright Ideas Bookstore: Author Talk with Matthew
Sullivan, 3:30–4:30 p.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 13 *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Musical Performance: Guitarist
Jerry Barlow, 2–3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 16 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

The Newcomers: Author Talk
with Helen Thorpe, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 17 *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, Jan. 18 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

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

Friday, Jan. 19 *Intermediate MS Word, 9:30–11 a.m.

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

Saturday, Jan. 20 Saturday Movie Matinée: *Dunkirk*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.

*Teen Afternoon of Comedy Improv, 2–3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 21 *Crafts for Grownups, A New Year, A Blank Page, 2 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 22 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Google Drive Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.

Global Warming: Should You Be Concerned? 2–3 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23 *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 24 *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, Jan. 25 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 26 *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 29 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

*Facebook Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Event, 1:30–2 p.m.
Advance Care Planning, 2–4 p.m.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 31 *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.

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