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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Power of Attorney & Living Wills

Learn about powers of attorney and living will documents and the benefits of completing them from Metro Volunteer Lawyers on **Thursday, May 10, 2 p.m.** Individuals at this presentation who are financially eligible for free legal services will be able to sign up for an appointment to complete these forms with an attorney at a clinic on May 17, 2 p.m.

Musical Performance: Smithtonian Handbell Ensemble

Enjoy the musical stylings of Littleton's own handbell choir, the Smithtonian Handbell Ensemble, as they perform Native American songs plus Beatles selections and more on **Saturday, May 12, 2 p.m.**



Find the Job of your Dreams: Job Searching with RefUSA

Learn how to job search with ReferenceUSA on **Monday, May 14, 6 p.m.** RefUSA is a research database with 14 million employers nationwide. Find job opportunities, get application and resume writing tips and learn how to research for successful job interviews.



Crafts at the Library: Spring Spa Treats



Make scented bath salts, sugar scrubs, body sprays and more. The library will provide supplies and instruction. *These programs are for teens and adults only. Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at the library's events calendar at www.littleton.gov.org.*

- ◆ Saturday, May 19 – Teens Only: 2 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, May 20 – Adults Only: 2 p.m.

America's Role in WWI: Aerial Warfare

In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of World War I, join Dr. Jack Ballard on **Monday, May 21, 2 p.m.**, as he discusses today's somewhat romanticized World War I aerial combat. Ballard will present the challenges pilots faced in flying their flimsy, wood and canvas covered aircraft and the fierce air battles that raged with German warplanes. The program includes the lives of several pilot-heroes illustrating the personal experiences of American airmen.

Saturday Movie Matinée: *The Greatest Showman*

See the film that celebrates the birth of show business and the tale of the visionary showman, P.T. Barnum, on **Saturday, May 26, 2-4 p.m.** Barnum rose from nothing to create a spectacle that became a worldwide sensation. Starring Hugh Jackman and Michelle Williams. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG.



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Summer Reading Kick-Off! Instrument Petting Zoo with Swallow Hill Music



Celebrate the kick-off of **Summer Reading-LIBRARIES ROCK!** with an Instrument Petting Zoo presented by Swallow Hill Music on **Tuesday, May 29, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** The entire family will enjoy this hands-on musical experience. Try out ukuleles, hand drums, guitars, mandolins, banjos, fiddles, mini-pianos and more.

Three age groups.
Nine cash prizes.

Third Annual Six Word Story Contest—Win Cash!

Enter the third annual Six Word Story Contest by May 15 and you could win a cash prize! Nine cash prizes will be given out to winners in three age categories: Adult (age 19+), Teen (age 12-18), and Children (age 6-11). Fifty dollars will be awarded to the first place winner in each age category, thirty dollars to the second place winner and twenty dollars to the third place winner. Enter at the library or online at bemis.ent.sirsi.net.

Six Word Story Contest Rules

- ◆ Story must contain only six words.
- ◆ Story must be your original work.
- ◆ Story may contain only one contraction, such as I'm or can't.
- ◆ Each contestant may submit up to three six word stories.
- ◆ Stories must be submitted by May 15, 2018
- ◆ Entries must include contestant's full name and telephone number.
- ◆ By entering the Six Word Story Contest, you give the Bemis Public Library rights to post your story and name in the library's media outlets.

Entries will be judged by award-winning author Mark David Gerson. Gerson is the author of 15 books and has conducted writing workshops throughout the United States. **Winners will be announced at our Summer Reading Kick-Off event on Tuesday, May 29, 10 a.m.** at the library. *One story. Six words. Good luck!*

Food for Fines

Food For Fines is back! During May, the library will accept non-perishable unexpired food items to pay for overdue fines. One item of food equals one overdue fine erased! *Please note* that this applies to overdue fines only, not charges for lost or damaged items. Donations support Inter-Faith Community Services which serves people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



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.

May 7: *Tender is the Night*
by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Set on the French Riviera in the late 1920s, *Tender Is the Night* is the tragic romance of the young actress Rosemary Hoyt and the stylish American couple Dick and Nicole Diver.



June 4: *Discovery of Witches*
by Deborah Harkness

Deep in the stacks of Oxford's Bodleian Library, young scholar Diana Bishop unwittingly calls up a bewitched alchemical manuscript in the course of her research. Descended from an old and distinguished line of witches, Diana wants nothing to do with sorcery so she banishes the book to the stacks. The book's discovery, however, sets a fantastical underworld stirring and hordes of demons, witches and vampires soon descend upon the library. Diana is the only one who can break their spell.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

May 21: *The Man Who Spoke Snakish*
by Andrus Kivirähk

In this imaginative story set in a fantastical version of medieval Estonia, a boy is tasked with preserving ancient traditions in the face of modernity. The boy, Leemet, lives with his hunter-gatherer family in the forest and is the last speaker of the ancient tongue of snakish, a language that allows its speakers to command all animals.



June 18: *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window & Disappeared*
by Jonas Jonasson

Desperate to avoid his 100th birthday party, Allan Karlsson climbs out the window of his room at the nursing home and heads to the bus station, intending to travel as far as his pocket money will take him. But a spur-of-the-moment decision to steal a suitcase from a fellow passenger sends Allan on a strange journey involving, criminals, cash and an elephant.



Technology Classes

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.**

◆ Mon., May 7: Gmail Basics

Learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google. We'll go over reading, sending, forwarding and replying to emails as well as attaching files and downloading attachments. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Internet basics (knows how to navigate a web browser).

◆ Mon., May 14: Beginning MS PowerPoint

Learn how to create and edit a PowerPoint presentation. We will go over adding slides, changing themes, adding pictures and clipart and changing the color scheme. We also will cover how to print slides in different layouts. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (knows how to use the keyboard, how to right and left click on the mouse) and beginning Microsoft Word (knows how to copy and paste, how to save, and basic formatting).

◆ One-on-One Technology Help:

Wednesdays, 1:30–3 p.m.

Registration required for one-on-one appointments. Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get help 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. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions every Thursday morning from 9:30–11 a.m. in the library's Computer Lab. 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.

Wireless Printing Now Available at Bemis

Enjoy the convenience of wireless printing from your laptop, tablet or smartphone with Bemis' new Mobile Printing Service.



Your documents will print to the library's printers from anywhere in the library. Printing is available in black for \$.10 per page and in color for \$.50 per page.



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.
May 5: *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, PG-13



- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
May 25: Summer Reading Kick-Off

Board Game Friday

Play board games in the library after-hours on Friday, May 11, 4-7:30 p.m.*



Each month we'll feature a new game although all of our board games will be available to play. Snacks will be provided. *This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.

(Almost) Summer Break Celebration

The end of the school year is in sight, and you deserve a break! Come by for popcorn, root beer floats and a screening of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* (PG-13) on Fri., May 18, 3-5 p.m. While you're here, get a sneak peek at some of the cool things we're doing for the Summer Reading Program. No registration required, however, we're not sure how long the root beer is gonna last, so get here early!



Craft Class: Spring Spa Treats

Get yourself ready for summer fun. Make scented bath salts, sugar scrubs, body sprays and more on Saturday, May 19, 2 p.m. These make fantastic gifts for new graduates or wonderful ways to spoil yourself. Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.

Children's Programs



Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on Tuesday, May 8 anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon for some make and take crafty fun. For children ages 3 and up. No reservations needed.

Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on Saturday, May 12, 11-11:30 a.m. and Thursday, May 17, 10-10:30 a.m. for music, movement, games and fun as we move, groove and grow at the library. For ages 2-6 and their caregivers. No reservations needed.



Budding Artists

April showers bring May flowers. Create your own blooming picture on Wednesday, May 16, 10-10:30 a.m. For ages 1-3 and their caregivers.

Books, Music & Art

Join us for special story times celebrating music, art and stories. Space is limited to the first 25 children to check in. For ages 3 and older.

- ♦ Friday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.—Mother, Mother
- ♦ Friday, May 18, 10:30 a.m.—Carnival of the Animals



Libraries ROCK! Summer Reading 2018

Beginning Tuesday, May 29, infants through children entering 5th grade may pick up a Libraries ROCK! Reading Record to track summer reading progress and collect prizes along the way... including a free book to keep. The weekly schedule includes entertainers, activities, puppet shows, crafts and story times. Visit us to find out more!



May Story Times and Ongoing Programs

Regular weekly story time programs will be suspended May 5-June 3. Programs will resume June 4. During May, our Children's Librarians visit local schools to promote Libraries ROCK!, our Summer Reading Program.



- ♦ **All Together Now Story Time:** Wednesday, May 2, 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.
- ♦ **Story Box:** Ages infant-36 months
Tuesday, May 1, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday, May 2, 10 a.m. & Friday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.
Thirty minutes of stories and songs for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. 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, May 2, 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, May 3 and Friday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.
Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.
 - ♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club:** For kids in grades K-5
Saturday, May 5 at 2 p.m.
You bring creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. Registration begins one week in advance.



- ♦ **Paws to Read:** For kids in grades K-5, Saturday, May 12, 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. During the month of May, call Dial-A-Story, listen for the "secret word," tell the word to a Children's Librarian in the Children's Room and you will receive a small prize!



BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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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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Summer Adult ESL Classes from LIRC

Summer ESL classes will take place May 1–August 2. Registration cost is \$75 per student which includes a \$40 program fee and \$35 textbook fee. Classes offered include:

♦ Beginner English—14 weeks

Tuesday & Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon

Held at Littleton Museum
6028 South Gallup Street
(one block east of the library)

♦ Intermediate/Advanced English—14 weeks

Monday & Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon

Held at Bemis Public Library
6014 South Datura Street
(No class on May 28, Memorial Day or July 4, Independence Day)

For information or to register, call or email Erica Bisbey, LIRC volunteer coordinator, at 303-734-8411, ebisbey@littletongov.org.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

♦ Community Garden Planting Party

Friday, June 1, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

♦ Musical Performance: The Kilted Man

Tuesday, June 5, 7–8 p.m.

♦ Concussion Awareness: Signs and Prevention

Tuesday, June 12, 7–8 p.m.

♦ Musical Performance: Nokuthula

Monday, June 18, 2–3 p.m.

♦ Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Post*

Saturday, June 23, 2–4 p.m., PG-13

♦ Colorado Life: Behind the Scenes with Photographer and Magazine Editor Joshua Hardin

Tuesday, June 26, 7–8 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- May Art Exhibit** Paint Box Guild Art Show
May 1–31
- Tuesday, May 1** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 2** *Story Box, 10 a.m.
Bounce Along with Baby, 11 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, May 3** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 4** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, May 5** *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 2 p.m.
Teen Movie: *Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle*, PG-13, 2 p.m.
- Monday, May 7** *Gmail Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 8** Drop-in Crafts, For children 3 and up, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Wednesday, May 9** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m.
- Thursday, May 10** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Power of Attorney & Living Wills 2 p.m.
- Friday, May 11** Books, Music & Art, For children Ages 3 and up, 10:30 a.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12** *Paws to Read, For grades K-5, 10 a.m.–noon
Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m.
Musical Performance: Smithsonian Handbell Ensemble, 2 p.m.
- Monday, May 14** *Beginning MS PowerPoint, 9:30–11 a.m.
Find the Job of your Dreams: Job Searching with RefUSA, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 16** Budding Artists, For children ages 1–3, 10–10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, May 17** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Busy Bodies at Bemis, 10–10:30 a.m.
- Friday, May 18** Books, Music & Art, For children Ages 3 and up, 10:30 a.m.
Teen (Almost) Summer Break Celebration, See *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, PG-13, 3–5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 19** *Teen Craft Class: Spring Spa Treats, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 20** *Crafts for Grownups, Spring Spa Treats, 2–3:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 21** AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
America's Role in WWI: Aerial Warfare, 2 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
- Thursday, May 24** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Friday, May 25** Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 26** Movie Matinee: *The Greatest Showman*, PG, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, May 28** Memorial Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, May 29** Six Word Story Awards, 10 a.m.
Libraries ROCK! Summer Reading Kick-Off—Instrument Petting Zoo with Swallow Hill Music, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 30** International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Technology Help, 1:30–3 p.m.
- Thursday, May 31** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Friday, June 1** Community Garden Planting Party, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

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