



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Community Conversation with DRCOG Area Agency on Aging

Join us for a community conversation on **Tuesday, October 2, 2-4 p.m.** with Jayla Sanchez-Warren, Director of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) Area Agency on Aging. Learn about the Area Agency on Aging, find out how to access resources and share information about needs in your community.

Colorado Ballot Issues

Join Active Minds on **Tuesday, October 9, 7 p.m.** for an objective review of the current issues on the ballot this fall. Each proposal will be reviewed presenting the arguments on both sides. We also will discuss the referendum and initiative process in Colorado, including its history, pros and cons and significant legislation that has resulted from this process in the past.



Musical Performance: 2 Neck Guitarist Mark Kroos

Enjoy the musical stylings of 2 neck guitarist Mark Kroos on **Saturday, October 13, 2 p.m.** Kroos is one of the only people in the world touring as a 2 neck guitar playing artist. Influenced by folk, Celtic, indie, and even punk artists, Kroos has developed his own edge to the acoustic guitar.

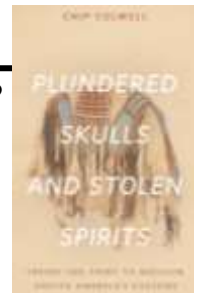


Medicare Sign-ups with DRCOG

Receive personalized help signing up for Medicare benefits with representatives from DRCOG on Mondays, October 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Available assistance covers topics such as Medicare, Medicare Advantage (Part C) plans, Medicare supplemental (Medigap) insurance policies and Prescription Drug Plans. *Registration is required. Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.*

Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits

Five decades ago, Native American leaders launched a crusade against museums to reclaim their sacred objects and to rebury their kin. Recently, this controversy has exploded as hundreds of tribes have used a landmark federal law to recover their heritage from more than one thousand museums across America. Join Dr. Chip Colwell from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on **Wednesday, October 17, 7 p.m.** as he discusses his latest book *Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits: Inside the Fight to Reclaim Native America's Culture*. Colwell is the Senior Curator of Anthropology at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science.



Crafts at the Library: Nail Art

Get festive and create inspired art on your nails! The library will provide polish and instructions. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org.*
Sat., October 20-Teens Only: 2-4 p.m. Sun., October 21-Adults Only: 2-4 p.m.

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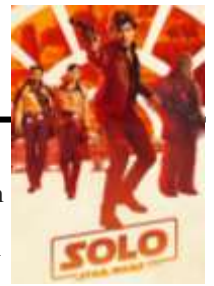
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Arlington National Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknowns

Learn about our nation's most hallowed ground on **Monday, October 22, 2 p.m.** from Tom Tudor, a former relief commander at Arlington's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tudor is an authority on the history of Arlington and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Tudor's work has been featured on C-SPAN and American History Television.

Movie Matinee: *Solo: A Star Wars Story*

See Han Solo meet his future copilot Chewbacca and encounter Lando Calrissian years before joining the Rebellion in *Solo: A Star Wars Story* on **Saturday, October 27, 2-4 p.m.** Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG-13.



Unassisted Living—Author Talk with Bob Puglisi



Author Bob Puglisi will discuss his latest novel, *Unassisted Living*, created from a screenplay he wrote in the 1970s on **Monday, October 29, 7 p.m.** Puglisi will share how the screenplay and novel evolved, read excerpts and follow up with a Q & A. Puglisi has written and self-published four books in the last five years. His books will be for sale at the event.

You Can Make a Difference—Volunteer at Bemis!



Volunteers Make a Difference!

The library is seeking volunteers who are willing to make a long-term, 2-3 hour per week commitment. Currently, we have openings for volunteers to perform materials processing tasks M–F between 8–5. Also, we need a volunteer to answer phones on Wednesdays between 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Training will be provided. Please contact Meredith Gipson at libmg@littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961 for more information.

Year-Round Book Sale Benefits Bemis

The Friends of the Library and Museum conduct a year-round book sale at Bemis. You will find “like new” hardcover and paperback used books at reasonable prices. Choose from best-sellers, classics, cookbooks, crafts, children's books, fiction, history, current events, gardening, biographies and more. Book sale proceeds benefit Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum.



Books & Beer: Brewing Up Great Discussions



Each month this book group brews up great discussions at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company. Read our nonfiction book selection and then join us to discuss it over a beverage. For our next meeting on **Thursday, October 25, 6 p.m.**, read *Spook: Science Tackles the Afterlife* by Mary Roach. Saint Patrick's Brewing Co. is located at 2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, CO 80120.

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.

Oct. 1: *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood

The novel is set in the near future in a location that was once the United States. Now called the Republic of Gilead, the country is a monotheocracy that has reacted to social unrest and a sharply declining birthrate by reverting to, and going beyond, the repressive intolerance of the original Puritans. Narrated by the Handmaid Offred, her tale is at times funny but more often unexpected, horrifying and altogether convincing. It is at once scathing satire, dire warning and tour de force.

Nov. 5: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in the grand Metropol Hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov has never worked a day in his life and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Oct. 15: *Breakfast with Buddha* by Roland Merullo

Otto Ringling, a successful New York editor and contented family man, has been in a slump ever since his parents were killed in an automobile accident. To settle the estate, he and his loopy sister, Cecilia, must drive to the family homestead in North Dakota. Then Cecilia tells him she's giving her half of the farm to her guru, the maroon-robed Volya Rinpoche and that she wants Otto to drive him there.

Nov. 19: *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman

Precocious Elsa, a sharp-witted seven-year-old, has only one friend, her protective, eccentric Granny, who tells her nightly bedtime fairy tales of the Land of Almost-Awake. But when cancer takes Granny away, Elsa is tasked with delivering her grandmother's final letters of apology to the other residents of the building—people whom granny felt she mistreated during her life.



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. unless otherwise noted.**

◆ **Mon., Oct. 1: Google Drive Basics**

Learn how to use several of the powerful tools located within your Gmail account. We will go over creating a document using Google Docs, saving and sharing documents in Google Drive and also review other Google Drive apps. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and a Gmail account (please contact the library if you need assistance creating an account).

◆ **Mon., Oct. 8: Writing a Resume with Microsoft Word**

Learn how to use Word's formatting tools to create a resume. We learn special formatting, horizontal line breaks, inserting symbols, changing margins and how to save documents as a PDF. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Microsoft Word basics (has used the program before).

◆ **Mon., Oct. 15: Intro to Goodreads**

Goodreads is a website you can use to record the books you've read. We'll create an account, start tracking books we've read, explore lists, genres and follow authors. *Registration required.*

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

◆ **Mon., Oct. 22: Job Hunting Online**

Hone your job hunting skills using websites such as Indeed and LinkedIn. We will cover using multiple search terms to find job openings, saving jobs to apply for later and creating a professional LinkedIn profile page. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics (mastery of keyboard and mouse), Internet basics (knows how to navigate a web browser), and an email account (contact the library if you need assistance setting up an email account).

◆ **Mon., Oct. 29: 3D Printing Basics**

Using the free website Tinkercad, we will learn the basics of creating a 3D model for printing and discuss how to submit a 3D print request to the library. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer proficiency (comfortable using keyboard shortcuts and right-clicking), Internet basics (knows how to navigate a web browser) and an email account (contact the library if you need assistance setting up an email account).

◆ **Wed., Oct. 3, 17, 24 & 31: One-on-One Tech Help**

30-minute time slots from 1:30–3 p.m.

Sign up for a 30 minute individualized tech assistance appointment with a librarian. *Registration required.*

◆ **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.



◆ **Board Game Friday**
Friday, October 12,
5–7:30 p.m.

Play board games in the library after-hours!

Snacks and improv fun will be provided. *This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.*

◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
4th Thursday of every month @ 5 p.m.
New day & time—October 25, 5 p.m.
TAG, you're it! Enjoy snacks and games (including Just Dance and Rock Band) while you help us make the library better by assisting with projects, programs and helping us decide what books and games we should purchase.

Teen Craft: Nail Art

Get festive and create inspired art on your nails on **Saturday, October 20, 2–4 p.m.**



The library will provide the polish and other supplies for you to bring a little spooky to your nails this season. *Space is limited. Registration will be required.* Register on-line at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.

National Novel Writing Month Kickoff Party

The world needs your novel! Join the national challenge to create a 50,000 word novel in just 30 days at our National Novel Writing Month Kickoff Party on **Thursday, November 1, 5–9 p.m.** Don't miss this all ages event to celebrate the beginning of NaNoWriMo with snacks, prizes and motivational support. No registration required.



Children's Programs



Bemis Library Dial-A-Story: Listen & Win



Too tired to read one more bedtime story? Call 303-795-3960 anytime and hear one of our children's librarians read a story. You might discover a new favorite! **During the month of October**, 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.

Search & Rescue Dogs of Colorado (SARDOC)

Volunteers from SARDOC and their canine partners will present an educational program on **Sunday, October 7, 3:30–4:30 p.m.** about how these highly qualified dog teams aid in the search for missing people. Hear about their training in Air Scent, Trailing, Water Search and Avalanche rescue. For families with children ages 3 and older.



Busy Bodies at Bemis

Join us on **Saturday, October 20, 11–11:30 a.m.** for music, movement, games and fun as we move, groove and grow at the library. For ages 2–6 and their caregivers.



Annual Costumes On Parade!



All set for some Halloween fun? Join us either day, **Thursday, October 25 11a.m. and Friday, October 26, 11 a.m.**, for our annual Story Time Costume Parade. The parade will begin in the Children's Room and end in the large meeting room with stories, songs, sweet treats and punch.

Playground Theatre's Halloween Show

Colorado's premier children's theatre company presents a spooktacular episode of the Ghost Catchers in "Paranormal Pizza" on **Sunday, October 28, 3–4 p.m.** This interactive show is filled with silly sketch comedy, a parade of wild puppets, charismatic characters and live music. You'll also learn Halloween safety tips and sing along with The Creepy-Crawly Song. For families with children of all ages.



Ongoing Programs

◆ **All Together Now Story Time: *New day added.*** All Ages.
Monday at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. & 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: *New day added.*** Ages infant-36 months.
Tuesday at 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories and songs for children and a caring adult to introduce the joys of rhythm, rhyme and reading.

◆ **Preschool Story Time: *New time:*** **Thursday at 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.**
Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show on October 4.*

◆ **Artful Story Time: *New Time:*** **Friday 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.**
Stories, music and art combine for 30 minutes of fun with a *puppet show October 5.*



◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: Grades K–5**
Saturday, October 6 at 3 p.m.

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. *Registration required.*

◆ **Paws to Read: Grades K–5, Saturday, October 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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Fall Citizenship Classes at the LIRC

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center, located downstairs at Bemis, offers reduced-cost legal help to submit the citizenship application and classes that teach everything students need to know to pass their citizenship exam (history and government as well as reading, writing and speaking basic English). To apply for U.S. citizenship, an immigrant must be a lawful permanent resident for five years or three years if he or she is married to a citizen. For students who cannot attend class at the scheduled times, LIRC provides one-on-one tutoring with volunteers from the community. **Fall citizenship classes start October 1.** Please call 303-795-3915 for more information or to register.



International Conversation Circle at Bemis

Would you like to meet people from other countries? Would you like to practice the English language in a social atmosphere instead of a class? Would you like a place to relax and have a little lunch with others, learn more about the United States and other countries? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, join us at the **International Conversation Circle at Bemis every Wednesday, noon–1:30 p.m.** on the lower level of the library. Meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. For more information, Call Mika Farer at 303-522-7721 or Sheila Miyamoto at 303-794-7542 or just show up. We'd love to have you join our group!

Schedule of Library Events

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| Oct. Art Exhibit | Artistic Threesome Art Show, October 1–31 | Wednesday Oct. 17 | All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 1 | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Google Drive Basics, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Book Club, 2 p.m. | | International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m. Plundered Skulls & Stolen Spirits, 7 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 2 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m. Community Conversation with DRCOG Area Agency on Aging, 2–4 p.m. | Thursday, Oct. 18 | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m. |
| Wednesday, Oct. 3 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m. | Friday, Oct. 19 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 4 | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m. | Saturday, Oct. 20 | Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. Busy Bodies at Bemis, 11–11:30 a.m. *Crafts for Teens: Nail Art, 2–4 p.m. *Crafts for Adults: Nail Art, 2–4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 5 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. | Sunday, Oct. 21 | |
| Saturday, Oct. 6 | *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m. | Monday, Oct. 22 | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Job Hunting Online, 9:30–11 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m. Arlington National Cemetery & the Tomb of the Unknowns, 2 p.m. |
| Sunday, Oct. 7 | Search & Rescue Dogs of Colorado, For families with kids ages 3 & up 3:30–4:30 p.m. | Tuesday, Oct. 23 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 8 | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Writing a Resume with Microsoft Word, 9:30–11 a.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 24 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 9 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Colorado Ballot Issues, 7 p.m. | Thursday, Oct. 25 | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Annual Story Time Costume Parade! 11 a.m. Teen Advisory Group (TAG), 5 p.m. Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m., at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, 2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80120 |
| Wednesday, Oct. 10 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level | Friday, Oct. 26 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Annual Story Time Costume Parade! 11 a.m. |
| Thursday, Oct. 11 | Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m. | Saturday, Oct. 27 | Movie Matinee: <i>Solo: A Star Wars Story</i> , PG-13, 2–4 p.m. |
| Friday, Oct. 12 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. Teen Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m. | Monday, Oct. 29 | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *3D Printing Basics, 9:30–11 a.m. <i>Unassisted Living</i> Author Talk with Bob Puglisi, 7 p.m. |
| Saturday, Oct. 13 | *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon Musical Performance: 2 Neck Guitarist Mark Kroos, 2 p.m. | Tuesday, Oct. 30 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. |
| Monday, Oct. 15 | All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Intro to Goodreads, 9:30–11 a.m. Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m. | Wednesday, Oct. 31 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m. International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m. |
| Tuesday, Oct. 16 | Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. | | |
| Wednesday, Oct. 17 | Story Box, 9:30 a.m. | | |

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