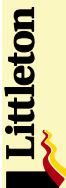




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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



Bemis Public Library is Joining the Marmot Library Network

Bemis patrons will see big changes and improvements in service and access to materials in 2019 when Bemis joins the Marmot Library Network in late February. Marmot is a library consortium made up of 28 library systems across Colorado. Membership in Marmot will mean access to over four million items for Bemis library patrons, an expanded collection of ebooks and eaudiobooks, a newly enhanced library catalog and eventual access to Prospector, a unified catalog of libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. We are excited about this upcoming change! If you have additional questions about our move to the Marmot Library Network, please ask about it at the library.



Clean Slate at Bemis

Bemis Library is extending a New Year's gift to anyone with overdue books: our Clean Slate program. Beginning on January 1, when you return an overdue item, all overdue fines will be waived. Additionally, the library will waive 50 percent of charges for lost or damaged items, on the condition that the other 50 percent is paid in full. Our Clean Slate program will last until the end of February and is available to all Bemis Library patrons.



Winter Reading Program: A Blizzard of Books

Chase the winter blues away with our Adult Winter Reading Program, *Blizzard of Books*. Read any five books **January 7–February 28** and be entered to win a prize from local Littleton businesses. Double your odds of winning by reading five books that match the BINGO slot descriptions on the Blizzard of Books BINGO card. Stop by the library to register and pick up your bingo card to begin the fun. Read, attend programs, enjoy the library's services and perhaps win a prize.



Musical Performance: The Mark McQuery Trio

Enjoy the acoustic guitar stylings of local band the Mark McQuery Trio at this afternoon concert on **Saturday, January 12, 2–3 p.m.**

Mindfulness: Embrace Each Moment

Join Jule Lane, a mindfulness practitioner, as she demonstrates how mindfulness awareness can lead to a happier life on **Monday, January 14, 2–3 p.m.** This form of mental training helps one recognize how the mind exaggerates the severity of a setback. As a result of mindfulness awareness, new neural pathways can be created and change the brain, all without medication.

Documenting Your Genealogy Workshop

Learn how to document your genealogical research sources based on the book, *Evidence! Citation & Analysis for the Family Historian*, on **Tuesday, January 15, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** This special workshop will be presented by the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society. Find out why it's important to document information and learn tips and techniques. *Registration is required on or before Jan. 8. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org. Class fee is \$25 which includes the book.*

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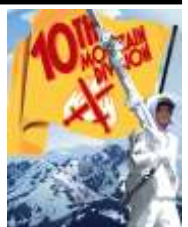
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Adult Crafts at the Library: A Cleansing New Year

Spoil yourself with homemade spa treats packaged in decorative containers on **Sunday, January 20, 2–4 p.m.** The library will provide supplies. *Registration is required and is for adults only. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org.*

The Ski Troops: Colorado's 10th Mountain Division

Cowboys, lumberjacks, athletes and skiers were recruited to undertake the dangerous and vital mission that liberated Italy in WWII. On **Tuesday, January 22, 7 p.m.**, Tom Duhs USMC (Retired) will share the story of the 10th Mountain Division and the unique nature of the only U.S. Army Mountain Division, its recruitment, training, employment and work after WWII.



Movie Matinee: *A Wrinkle in Time*

See the movie based on the Madeleine L'Engle novel on **Saturday, January 26, 2–4 p.m.** The film follows a young girl who, with the help of three astral travelers, sets off on a quest to find her missing father. Starring Oprah Winfrey, Reese Witherspoon and Mindy Kaling. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG.



Alexander Hamilton with Active Minds

The blockbuster musical *Hamilton* has ignited considerable interest in the story of this American founding father. Join Active Minds on **Monday, January 28, 2–3 p.m.** as we journey back to our nation's early history and visit the life and times of Alexander Hamilton, his friends, his enemies and the principles for which he fought (and perhaps died).



AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Events

Stop by the Aging Well Resource Center's Grab, Gab & Go Events on **Mondays, January 14 and 28, 1:30–2 p.m.** The AWRC provides resources and referral information on a wide variety of aging subjects for seniors, caregivers, spouses or friends.

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. 7: 2019 book selection discussion

Feb. 4: *Lilac Girls*

by Martha Hall Kelly

The lives of three women are set on a collision course when the unthinkable happens and one of them is sent to Ravensbrück, the notorious Nazi concentration camp for women. Their stories cross continents—from New York to Paris, Germany and Poland—as the other two women strive to bring justice to those whom history has forgotten.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jan. 28*: *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.



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

Feb. 27*: *Heft* by Liz Moore

Former academic Arthur Opp weighs 550 pounds and hasn't left his rambling Brooklyn home in a decade. Twenty miles away in Yonkers, seventeen-year-old Kel Keller navigates life as the poor kid in a rich school and pins his hopes on what seems like a promising baseball career. The link between this unlikely pair is Kel's mother, Charlene, a former student of Arthur's, who breaks two decades of silence to ask Arthur to tutor Kel.

* **We will meet on the fourth Wednesday in February due Monday closures.**

Mar. 18: *The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving*

by Jonathan Evison

Ben Benjamin Jr. is a former stay-at-home dad. His two young children died in a tragic accident after which his wife left him. Broke and grieving, Ben signs up for a caregiver class and lands a job tending Trev, a teenage boy with muscular dystrophy. The unlikely duo set out on a cross-country road trip to take in as many bizarre highway attractions as possible en route to visiting Trev's estranged father.



◆ Books & Beer Discussion Group

Fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m.

This book group meets at Saint Patrick's Brewing Co., 2842 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80120.

Jan. 24: *It's All Relative: Adventures Up & Down the World's Family Tree* by A.J. Jacobs

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 at the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org.

Classes are held from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

◆ **Mon., Jan. 7: Downloading eBooks with Libby**

Want to learn how to get library books to your phone or tablet? This is the class for you! We'll go over how to download the "Libby, by Overdrive" app, how to connect to Bemis Library and how to find and check out eBooks or eAudio-books. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Compatible device and your library card number (compatible devices can be found here: <https://help.libbyapp.com/>). Libby is not currently supported by Kindle or Nook devices.

◆ **Mon., Jan. 28: iPhone Basics**

Get familiar with your iPhone as we go over accessing apps such as the calendar, using the internet, taking a photo and changing settings. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: iPhone with iOS 12 or newer. Call the library if you have questions about what iOS software your phone has.

◆ **January 9, 14, 23 & 30:**

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. 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.



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
January 11, 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 Saturday of every month, 12-1:30 p.m.
Jan. 26: TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. No registration required.

Comedy Improv

Comedy Improv: Start the new year off laughing with Comedy Improv on **Saturday, January 5, 2-4 p.m.** New and experienced players alike are welcome. *Registration is required. Register on-line at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*

NEW! Databases at Bemis!

CreativeBug

Nurture your creativity with our newest online resource, CreativeBug. Get unlimited access to thousands of arts and crafts classes. Video classes are taught by artists and design experts. Classes for kids also are included. Class videos may be watched anytime, anywhere and never expire. You can start and stop projects at your own pace. Create a CreativeBug account with your Bemis library card, email address and a password.



Mango Languages

Learn a new language online with your library card. Explore over 70 languages with Mango Languages through the Bemis website or through the Mango app. Learning is self-paced and accessible 24/7.



Children's Programs



Movie Matinee- *Smallfoot*

The legend of Bigfoot is turned upside down when a bright young Yeti finds something he thought didn't exist—a human. News of this "Smallfoot" throws the simple Yeti community into an uproar over what else might be out there in the big world beyond their snowy village. Enjoy this story about friendship, courage and the joy of discovery on **Wednesday, January 2, 3 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Length: 109 minutes. *Reservations required. Come in or call 303-795-3961 to reserve your spot.*



The Fabulists - Aesopology

The Fabulists retell Aesop's most popular fables with costumes, puppeteering and live music on **Thursday, January 3, 3 p.m.** This interactive, original musical presentation showcasing classic children's literature is sure to appeal to families with children of all ages.

Zumba for Kids

Work off all that holiday sugar with this rockin', high-energy dance party on **Friday, January 4, 11 a.m.** led by licensed Zumba Kids instructor, Miss Maki. Packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines and all the music kids love like Hip-Hop, Cumbia, Reggaeton and more, this class combines movements and play while working to improve overall health and well-being. Perfect for Ages 6-11 though younger kids are welcome. *Reservations required. Come in or call 303-795-3961 to reserve your spot.*



Winter Reading Program Ends Jan. 7

Be sure to complete and turn in your "Season's Readings" reading record by January 7. Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Applebee's Grill, Texas Roadhouse, Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steak-burgers and of course, the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

Ongoing Programs

Weekly Story Time Programs resume on January 7.

All Together Now Story Time: 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 kids of all ages, but children under age 3 *must* attend with an adult.

Story Box: 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: Thursday at 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show on January 10.*

Artful Story Time: Friday 11 a.m. Ages 3 and older.

Stories, music and art combine for 30 minutes of fun with a *puppet show January 11.*

Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: Grades K-5

Saturday, January 5 at 3 p.m.

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

Paws to Read: Grades K-5, Saturday, January 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.*



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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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Tech It Out: Technology Fair

Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels, Virtual Reality and more at Bemis Library's **Tech It Out Tech Fair on Saturday, February 2, noon–4 p.m.** The library will showcase its coolest technologies on the lower level in the Art Gallery. Try your hand at creating a pixel video game, immerse yourself in a virtual world, drive robots around the library and visit booths from local businesses such as Young Engineers.



Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ♦ **Tech It Out: Technology Fair**
Saturday, February 2, Noon–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Santeria & the Hispanic Caribbean**
Monday, February 4, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Performance: Jam key Jam**
Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Enhancing Micro-Circulation**
Monday, February 11, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Turning Point: documentary film**
Wednesday, February 13, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Love Your Local Author Showcase**
Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- ♦ **Black History Live-Maya Angelou**
Thursday, February 21, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Pope Francis with Active Minds**
Friday, February 22, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: The Old Man & The Gun**
Saturday, February 23, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Racism in America with OLLI**
Tuesday, February 26, 2 p.m.

Jan. Art Exhibit Art Students League of Denver Art Show, January 2–31

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

Wednesday, Jan. 2 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*Movie Matinee: *Smallfoot*, For kids ages 3 and up, PG, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 3 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 4 The Fabulists–Aesopology, For families with kids of all ages, 3 p.m.
*Zumba for Kids, For ages 6 and up, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5 *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m.
Teen Comedy Improv, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 7 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Downloading eBooks with Libby, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 8 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 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.

Thursday, Jan. 10 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 11 Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12 *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Musical Performance: The Mark McQuery Trio, 2–3 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Mindfulness: Embrace Each Moment, 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

*Documenting Your Genealogy Workshop, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 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

Thursday, Jan. 17 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 18 Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Jan. 20 *Crafts for Adults: A Cleansing New Year, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 22 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

The Ski Troops: Colorado's 10th Mountain Division, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 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.

Thursday, Jan. 24 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.
Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m., at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, 2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80120

Friday, Jan. 25 Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26 Movie Matinee: *A Wrinkle in Time*, 2–4 p.m., PG

Monday, Jan. 28 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*iPhone Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Alexander Hamilton with Active Minds, 2–3 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30 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.

Thursday, Jan. 31 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 Tech It Out: Technology Fair, Noon–4 p.m.

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