



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Bemis Joining Marmot Library Network

Bemis will join the Marmot Library Network on February 26. Marmot is a library consortium made up of 28 library systems across Colorado. As a Marmot library, Bemis patrons will have access to over four million items, expanded ebook and eaudiobook collections, a newly enhanced library catalog and eventual access to Prospector, a unified catalog of libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. **Bemis will be closed on February 25 to prepare for our transition to Marmot. Beginning February 26, the Bemis online web catalog will have a new address: bemis.marmot.org.** Bookmark our new web catalog so you can begin enjoying the expanded resources and services of the Marmot Library Network. If you have additional questions, please ask about Marmot at the library.



Tech It Out: Technology Fair

Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels, Virtual Reality and more at Bemis' Tech It Out Technology Fair! The library will showcase its coolest technologies on **Saturday, February 2, Noon-4 p.m.** 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 and SparkFun.



Santeria and the Hispanic Caribbean

Learn how the Santeria or Yoruba theology became part of the Hispanic Caribbean culture through Africans brought to these islands as slaves on **Monday, February 4, 2 p.m.** The slaves continued practicing their beliefs masking their demigods with the many Saints introduced by the Catholic missionaries. The practice continues today through the Hispanic Caribbean islands and in other countries. Presenter Dr. Iriate holds a PhD in Special Education and Counseling and was born in Cuba and later immigrated to the U.S.

Musical Performance: Jam Key Jam

Talented musicians Nabin and Bijay are Nepal's leading musicians. They are building a buzz in the Colorado music scene as JAMkeyJAM. Hear their contemporary spin on classical ragas and traditional Nepali folk music on **Saturday, February 9, 2 p.m.**



Enhancing Micro-Circulation

Learn about the current science regarding micro-circulation and the various modalities that improve micro-circulation, including food and exercise on **Monday, February 11, 2 p.m.** Presenter Zita Easton is a Certified Nutrition Therapy Practitioner and Dementia Specialist.

Documentary Film: *Turning Point*

See *Turning Point*, a documentary film by James Keach that explores the quest for the first medication that could treat the underlying process of Alzheimer's disease on **Wednesday, February 13, 2-4 p.m.** Sponsored by Highline Place Memory Care and Willowbrook Place Memory Care.

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Love Your Local Author Showcase

Show some love for local authors at Bemis' Love Your Local Author Showcase on **Saturday, February 16, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Local and Colorado authors will be on hand to discuss their work, sign and sell books.



Adult Crafts at the Library: Heartfelt Crafts

Create heartfelt crafts from felt, flannel and all things fuzzy on **Sunday, February 17, 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.

Black History Live-Maya Angelou



Civil rights organizer and poet Maya Angelou had two passions: to write and to right wrongs. Join renowned storyteller Becky Stone on **Thursday, February 21, 2 p.m.** as she portrays Maya Angelou. This living history portrayal will give insight into Angelou's philosophy of life, which included a strong belief in the power of words.

Pope Francis with Active Minds

Join Active Minds on **Friday, February 22, 2 p.m.** to understand why Catholics and much of the non-Catholic world find Pope Francis so appealing. Topics to be discussed include the Pope's background, his impact since becoming Pope in 2013 and what the future may hold for the Catholic Church under his leadership.

Movie Matinee: The Old Man & The Gun

See the true story based on the life of Forrest Tucker, a career criminal and prison escape artist, and his escape from San Quentin at the age of 70 on **Saturday, February 23, 2-4 p.m.** Starring Robert Redford and Sissy Spacek. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG-13.



Racism in America with OLLI

Join an instructor from OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver, on **Tuesday, February 26, 2 p.m.** as we explore the history of racism and learn about the varying perceptions of racism in our country.

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.

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.

Mar. 4: *And The Mountains Echoed*

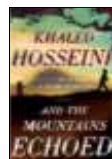
by Khaled Hosseini

Abdullah and his sister Pari live with their father and step-mother in a small village in Afghanistan, struggling together through poverty and brutal winters. To Abdullah, Pari is everything, and he will do anything for her. When the siblings journey across the desert to Kabul with their father, they have no sense of the fate that awaits them and the events that will echo down generations and across oceans.

◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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, seven-



teen-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 to 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. at Saint Patrick's Brewing Co., 2842 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80120.

Feb. 28: *A Book About Love*

by Jonas Lehrer

Whole shelves are dedicated to books about love, but we're just picking one for this month – a science writer's attempt to find clear, concise and well-researched answers to the many mysteries of love.



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., Feb. 11: 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, as well as an overview of the other Google Drive apps. *Registration required.*

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

◆ **Wed., Feb. 20, 6-7:30 p.m. Writing a Resume with MS Word**

Learn how to use Microsoft Word's formatting tools to create a resume. We will go over special formatting, such as 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. Feb. 4, 9:30-11 a.m.**

Wed. Feb. 13, 27 1:30-3 p.m.:

One-on-One Tech Help 30-minute time slots.

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 audiobooks 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.

◆ **Family Board Game**

Friday

February 8, 5–7:30 p.m.

Families of all ages are invited for board games and pizza in the library after-hours! . *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.

Feb. 23: TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. No registration required.

The Chocolate Games

Happy Chocolate Games and may the sweets be ever in your favor! Join us on **Friday, February 15, 5–7 p.m.** for flavorful festivities featuring fabulous chocolate! *Space is limited*



and registration is required. This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7 p.m. Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.

Children's Programs



Bemis Lego Club Turns Five!

Join us on **Saturday, February 2, 3 p.m.** when we celebrate our Ready, Set BUILD! Lego Club turning five years old! We'll share fun Lego activities and a sweet treat. Bring your creativity and the library will provide the rest. For grades K–5. *Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to sign up.*



Hop, Chop and Read!

Join author Todd Tuell on **Sunday, February 10, 3 p.m.** as we discover a bit about the writing/publishing process, play a ninja game and visit a variety of ninja activity stations. Autographed copies of Todd's book, *Ninja, Ninja, Never Stop!*, will be available for purchase. For ages three and older. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room to sign up.*



Love Your Library



Did you know February is Love Your Library month? Participate in some fun Love Your Library-themed activities on **Sunday, February 24, 2 p.m.** Enjoy a scavenger hunt, library bingo and design your own bookmark! For kids in grades K–5.

New Playaway Bookpacks

Have you heard about the new Playaway Bookpacks? This addition pairs the print version of some of your favorite books with the ever-popular Playaway audiobook to deliver a fun and educational read-along experience for kids of all ages. These can be a great tool for reluctant readers or those who want to try something a bit harder than they can handle on their own. Some packs feature one chapter book, while others include 3-4 picture books. Perfect for individual use or to take in the car for family listening. Stop by the Children's Desk if you'd like more information.



Ongoing Programs

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.



◆ **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 February 7.*

◆ **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 February 8.*

◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: Grades K–5.**

Saturday, February 2 at 3 p.m.

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

◆ **Paws to Read: Grades K–5, Saturday, February 9, 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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Clean Slate at Bemis

Bemis is offering a gift to anyone with overdue books: our Clean Slate program.

When you return an overdue item, all overdue fines will be waived through the end of February. Also, 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. Ask us about Clean Slate at the library. Program ends February 28.



Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ♦ **Read Across America with Inspector Magic's Super Hero Show**
Sunday, March 3, 3 p.m.
For Families with Children of All Ages
- ♦ **Golda Meir: Choices and Chances**
Monday, March 11, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Performance: Four Shillings Short, A Celebration of Ireland**
Saturday, March 16, 2–3 p.m.
- ♦ **Crafts for Grownups at the Library: Farmer's Market, Here We Come**
Sunday, March 17, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **European Union: Brexit with Active Minds**
Monday, March 18, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinée: Green Book**
Saturday, March 23, 2–4 p.m., PG-13
- ♦ **Road Scholar**
Monday, March 25, 2 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

Feb. Art Exhibit	Windermere Artists Art Show, Feb. 1–28	Friday, Feb. 15	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 1	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.		Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.
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Saturday, Feb. 2	Tech It Out: Technology Fair, Noon–4 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 16	Love Your Local Author Showcase, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
	*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m.	Sunday, Feb. 17	*Crafts for Adults: Heartfelt Crafts, 2–4 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 4	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Monday, Feb. 18	President's Day Holiday LIBRARY CLOSED
	*Google Drive Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 19	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
	*One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 9:30–11 a.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 20	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
	AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.		All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.
	Santeria & the Hispanic Caribbean, 2 p.m.		International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
	Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.		*Writing A Resume Microsoft Word, 6–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Thursday, Feb. 21	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 6	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.		Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
	All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.		Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.
	International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level		Black History Live: Maya Angelou, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 7	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.		Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m., at Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, 2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton 80120
	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.	Friday, Feb. 22	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
	Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.		Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 8	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.		Pope Francis with Active Minds, 2 p.m.
	Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.	Saturday, Feb. 23	Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m.
	Teen Family Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m.		Movie Matinee: <i>The Old Man & The Gun</i> , 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 9	*Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon	Sunday, Feb. 24	Love Your Library! For kids in grades K–5, 2 p.m.
	Musical Performance: Jam Key Jam, 2 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 25	LIBRARY CLOSED Transition to Marmot Network
Sunday, Feb. 10	*Hop, Chop and Read! For kids ages 3 and up, 3 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 26	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 11	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.		Racism in America with OLLI, 2 p.m.
	AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 27	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
	Enhancing Micro-Circulation, 2 p.m.		All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 12	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.		International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
Wednesday, Feb. 13	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.		*One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.
	All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 4 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 28	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
	International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level		Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
	*One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.		Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.
	Documentary Film: <i>Turning Point</i> , 2–4 p.m.	Friday, Mar. 1	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.		Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.
	Story Box, 9:30 a.m.		
	Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.		

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