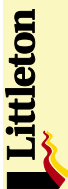


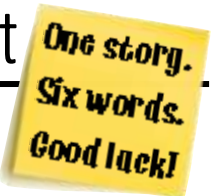


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The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library



4th Annual Six Word Story Contest



Ernest Hemingway wrote a famous six word story: “For Sale: baby shoes, never worn.” Now it’s your turn! Enter the fourth annual Six Word Story Contest **April 1–20** 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. Awards will be announced at the library on **Monday, April 29, 6 p.m.** Enter at Bemis or online at bemis.marmot.org.

Musical Performance: Skean Dubh



Join the library for an afternoon of Neo-traditional acoustic Celtic music on **Saturday, April 6, 2 p.m.** featuring uilleann pipes, violin with unforgettable vocals, harp, guitar and bodhra.

AWRC 2nd Annual Senior Resource Fair

Join the Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC) for our second annual Senior Resource Fair on **Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m.–noon.** Find information on house shares, home repair services for seniors, healthcare, mobility services and more offered in our community for older adults and their caregivers. This free event is open to the public and will offer a wealth of resources.

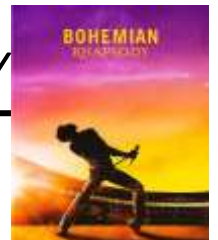
Climate with Active Minds

Scientists are predicting a global average temperature increase of 2.5 to 10 degrees over the next century. Likely impacts include more droughts and heatwaves as well as stronger and more frequent hurricanes. Sea levels are predicted to rise 1-4 feet by the year 2100, submerging vast areas of land. Join Active Minds on **Monday, April 15, 2 p.m.** as we examine the predictions and the politics given the US withdrawal from the Paris climate accord.

Hollywood: Her Story-Women and the Movies

Her Story author Jean Tietjen will discuss her latest book, *Hollywood: Her Story-Women and The Movies*, on **Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.** From the first female director in 1896 to present day, Tietjen’s program pays tribute to the spirit, ambition, grit and talent of these female filmmakers and artists. Learn about the stories of these trailblazers. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Movie Matinee: *Bohemian Rhapsody*



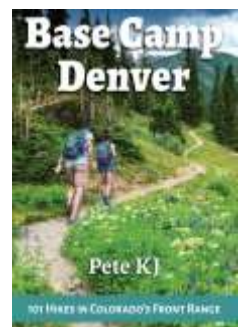
See the story of the legendary rock band Queen and lead singer Freddie Mercury in *Bohemian Rhapsody* on **Saturday, April 27, 2–4 p.m.** Free popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.

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Preparing to Hike the Front Range

Littleton is an awesome base camp for day hikers. Exploring our Front Range is a low cost habit and has the side effect of being incredibly good for you. Join veteran hiker and author Pete KJ on **Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m.** for an overview of local hikes. Using abundant photographs, Pete will present the geography, flora and fauna plus discuss the simple clothing, equipment and safety considerations needed to enjoy our incredible backyard to its fullest. He also will speak on hiking strategies such as pacing, timing and seasons. Learn about some of his all-time favorite walks in the area, as described in his new guidebook, *Base Camp Denver: 101 Hikes in Colorado’s Front Range*.



Sign Up For Text Notifications



Did you know you can receive text message notifications for items that are available for pickup or for items that are due soon? Using your phone, you can renew items you currently have checked out and request information about your library account. It's easy to sign up. Text **SIGNUP to 970-620-9150** (escribe **REGISTRESE** en lugar de **SIGNUP**). When prompted, enter your full

library card # (no spaces). The library doesn't charge a fee for this service, but your cell phone plans' regular text messaging rates still apply. For more information about text message notices go to www.littletongov.org.

AWRC Grab, Gab & Go Events

Stop by the Aging Well Resource Center's Grab, Gab & Go Event on **Monday, April 15, 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.

Realize Your Educational and Career Goals with Career Online High School

If you are an adult age 19 and up and live in the city of Littleton, this online diploma program from Career Online High School may be for you. The program requires a commitment of 6–18 months depending on your previous transferrable credits. Fill out the online self-assessment to start the process of determining eligibility for a scholarship at www.colorado.careeronlinehs.gale.com/self-assessment/. For more information call the library at 303-795-3961.



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.

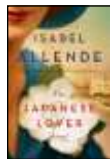
Apr. 1: *The One-Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson

Confined to a nursing home and about to turn 100, Allan Karlsson—who has a larger-than-life back story as an explosives expert—climbs out of the window in his slippers and embarks on an unforgettable adventure involving thugs, a murderous elephant and a very friendly hot dog stand operator.



May 6: *The Japanese Lover* by Isabelle Allende

In 1939, as Poland falls under the shadow of the Nazis, Alma Belasco is sent away to live with her aunt and uncle in their mansion in San Francisco.



There, she encounters Ichimei Fukuda, the quiet and gentle son of the family's Japanese gardener and a tender love affair begins to blossom. Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the two are separated as Ichimei and his family are forced to relocate to internment camps. Throughout their lifetimes, Alma and Ichimei reunite again and again, but theirs is a love that they are forever forced to hide from the world.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Apr. 15: *The Changeling* by Kenzaburo Oe

Goro Hanawa, a celebrated film director, has made a series of tapes for Kogito, his world-famous writer brother-in-law, before jumping to his death. Kogito listens to the tapes obsessively after Goro's suicide, in an attempt to understand it.



May 20: *Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk* by Kathleen Rooney

It's New Year's Eve 1984 and indomitable octogenarian Lillian Boxfish has places to go. Outfitted in her beloved mink coat, which she bought for herself in 1942, Lillian briskly sets off from her Murray Hill apartment, reminiscing about her illustrious career as the highest-paid woman in advertising.



♦ 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.

Apr. 25: *Writing on the Wall Social Media, The First 2,000 Years* by Tom Standage



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., Apr. 1: Beginning Microsoft Word**

Learn how to create and edit a document with Word. We will learn basic formatting tools such as changing the font, making text bold or underlined, and changing text alignment. We will also learn how to save and print documents. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Computer basics - familiarity with keyboard and mouse.

♦ **Mon., Apr. 8: iPhone Basics**

Get familiar with your iPhone as we go over accessing apps such as the calendar, using the internet, taking a photo, and how to change settings. Note: registration required and class size limited to 10 people. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: iPhone with iOS 11 or newer. Call the library if you have questions about what iOS software your phone has.

♦ **Wed., Apr. 17: Facebook Basics 6–7:30 p.m.**

Facebook is a great way to stay in touch with friends and family. 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 assistance creating an account.

♦ **Mon., Apr. 22: Best Mobile Apps**

There's an app for that! Come discover our favorite free mobile apps for everything from meditation to workflow to photography. Apps will be for both Apple and Android devices. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Smartphone

Wed. Apr. 3, 10 & 24, 1:30–3 p.m.

Mon. Apr. 29, 9:30–11 a.m.

♦ **One-on-One Tech Help 30-minute sessions**

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 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 get individual help downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks.



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**
Apr. 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 Saturday of every month, 12–1:30 p.m.

Apr. 27: TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. No registration required.

Blackout Poetry Zine



Celebrate National Poetry Month by creating unique poetry from recycled book pages, newspaper articles, song lyrics and more on **Friday, April 5, 5–7 p.m.**

Snacks will be served and art will be created. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org. This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrive by no later than 5 p.m. and be picked up by an adult parent/guardian at 7 p.m.*

Candy Crafting

Learn how to make delicious sweets like candy sushi, Oreo truffles, easy peanut brittle and more on **Saturday, April 20, 2–4 p.m.** *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org.*



Outreach Services from Bemis Public Library

Bemis outreach librarians visit several residential locations in the city each month to deliver library materials and services to residents. For more information, including a schedule of locations visited, please contact the outreach librarians by calling Bemis at 303-795-3961 and asking for Sheena or Claire or by email at: bemisoutreach@littletongov.org.

Children's Programs



One Book Colorado

One Book Colorado is a statewide effort to provide every four-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book, helping to instill a love of reading in Colorado youngsters. To ensure school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently. Stop by the Children's Room and request your copy anytime from **April 8–22** when new books will be distributed by Bemis to every four-year-old.



Animal Adventures with Safari Sally



Safari Sally has been a zookeeper, animal trainer, educator, animal care specialist and naturalist. Join us for a fun, educational and exciting program on **Sunday, April 14, 3–4 p.m.** where children will have an opportunity to meet a variety of live animals up close and personal. For families with children ages 3 and older.

Drop-In and Build

School's out early, so stop by the Children's Room anytime during open build "construction" hours on **Friday, April 26, 2–4 p.m.** Create and construct with the materials provided such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln Logs, Marble Run, Tinker Toys and foam blocks. For families with children 5th grade and younger.



Nature Art



Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at the library on **Monday, April 29, 1 p.m.** Since Littleton Public Schools are off today, join us to create an art project inspired by nature. For children of all ages.

Ongoing Programs

◆ **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 April 4.*

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

Stories, music and art combine for 30 minutes of fun with a *puppet show April 5.*

◆ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: Grades K–5.**
Saturday, April 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, April 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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Year-Round Book Sale Benefits Bemis

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



Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **Musical Performance: Smithtonians**
Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Parenting: From Pregnancy to Adolescence**
Tuesday, May 7, 6–8 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Performance: The Killed Man**
Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Lost Department Stores of Denver**
Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Community Garden Planting Party**
Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- ◆ **Adult Crafts at the Library: Up-cycled Garden Art***
Sunday, May 19, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Railroads with Active Minds**
Monday, May 20, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie: *First Man***
Saturday, May 25, 2–4 p.m., PG

* This program requires a reservation or ticket.

Schedule of Library Events

Apr. Art Exhibit	Heritage Fine Arts Guild Art Show, April 1–30	Tuesday, Apr. 16	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Monday, Apr. 1	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Beginning Microsoft Word, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.	Wednesday, Apr. 17	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 *Facebook Basics, 6–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 2	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Thursday, Apr. 18	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Apr. 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, Apr. 19	Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m.
Thursday, Apr. 4	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.	Saturday, Apr. 20	*Teen Candy Crafting, 2–4 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 5	Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. *Teen Blackout Poetry Zine, 5–7 p.m.	Sunday, Apr. 21	Easter— LIBRARY CLOSED
Saturday, Apr. 6	*Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m. Musical Performance: Skean Dubh, 2 p.m.	Monday, Apr. 22	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Best Mobile Apps, 9:30–11 a.m.
Monday, Apr. 8	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *iPhone Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.	Tuesday, Apr. 23	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Hollywood: Her Story-Women and the Movies, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Apr. 9	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Apr. 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.
Wednesday, Apr. 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 *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.	Thursday, Apr. 25	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
Thursday, Apr. 11	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m.	Friday, Apr. 26	Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. Drop In and Build, For families with kids 5 th grade and younger, 2–4 p.m.
Friday, Apr. 12	Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Artful Story Time, 11 a.m. Teen Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Apr. 27	Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m. Movie Matinee: <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i> , 2–4 p.m., PG-13
Saturday, Apr. 13	AWRC 2nd Annual Senior Resource Fair, 9 a.m.–noon *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon	Monday, Apr. 29	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Nature Art, For kids of all ages, 1 p.m. *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 1:30–3 p.m.
Sunday, Apr. 14	Animal Adventures with Safari Sally, 3–4 p.m.	Tuesday, Apr. 30	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. Preparing to Hike the Front Range, 7 p.m.
Monday, Apr. 15	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m. Climate with Active Minds, 2 p.m. Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.		

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