

Behind the Cover

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Musical Performance: Smithtonians



Join us for the spring concert of one of Littleton's favorite musical groups, the Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble, **Saturday, May 4, 2 p.m.** In honor of retiring longtime director Lisa Lewis, enjoy "The Director's Favorite Pieces" at this special performance.

Parenting: From Pregnancy to Adolescence

Learn how to cope with the stressors of pregnancy, deal with challenging behavior and talk to adolescents about any tough topic on **Tuesday, May 7, 6-8 p.m.** This program is designed for adults, teachers, law enforcement and youth serving professionals.

Musical Performance: The Kilted Man

Enjoy the unique musical stylings of Matthew Gurnsey, also known as The Kilted Man, as he performs a concert of traditional Irish and Scottish music on **Saturday, May 11, 2 p.m.** The Kilted Man's performance includes Celtic instruments such as the concertina, bodhrán, mandolin, penny whistle and bowed psaltery.



Lost Department Stores of Denver

Author and Denver native Mark Barnhouse has written six history books on Denver. Learn about his latest book, *Lost Department Stores of Denver*, **Tuesday, May 14, 7 p.m.** Through decades of research and interviews with former staff, Barnhouse assembles the ultimate mosaic of the Mile High City's fabulous retail past.

Nexus—Author Talk with Sasha Alsberg & Lindsay Cummings



Hear New York Times bestselling authors Sasha Alsberg and Lindsay Cummings discuss and sign *Nexus*, the newest book in their Androma Saga series, **Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m.** Known across the galaxy as the Bloody Baroness, Captain Androma Racella led a mercenary band through adventures across the galaxy. With her crew captured and her ship a smoldering ruin, Andi is no longer the powerful Bloody Baroness, but a fugitive on the run. And she will risk anything, even her precious freedom, to save her crew. Copies of the book will be available for purchase through The Tattered Cover.

Community Garden Planting Party

Help us dig in and plant our very own community container garden at the library on **Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.** All ages are welcome. Certified Master Gardeners with the Arapahoe County Cooperative Extension Office will be on hand to help out, answer questions and spark your interest in growing food. Help us grow our library garden.



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Launch Summer Reading with a Tour of the Universe!

Are you curious about space, but want to hear the *whole* story? Take a tour of the universe inside an inflatable dome as **A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program** begins. Astronomers from Fiske Planetarium at CU Boulder will be at Bemis **Tuesday, May 28, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.** to conduct **25-minute tours of the universe. Space is limited. Free tickets for a specific entry time will be available beginning at 9 a.m. that morning.** The tour begins on Earth to point out a few constellations and planets. Then we'll lift off Earth, fly past planets in our solar system, out of our Milky Way galaxy, through clusters of other galaxies and to the edge of the visible universe! Fun and educational for anyone who has completed Kindergarten up to adults. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult. While you're at the library, sign up for the Adult, Teen or Children's A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program.



Adult Crafts at the Library: Upcycled Garden Art

Create unique garden decorations by reusing found objects, discarded items and a touch of creativity on **Sunday, May 19, 2-4 p.m.** The library will provide supplies. This program is for adults only. *Space is limited, and registration is required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.

Railroads with Active Minds

May marks the 150 year anniversary of the "Golden Spike" that completed the construction of the First Transcontinental Railroad. Join Active Minds on **Monday, May 20, 2 p.m.** for a review of the rich history of railroads in the United States. We will explore the role they played in building a young country as well as the industry titans that emerged to build and control them. All aboard!



Movie Matinee: *First Man*

See *First Man* and learn about the life of astronaut, Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the Moon, **Saturday, May 25, 2-4 p.m.** Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG.

Mindfulness Workshop Series: Learn to Live in the Here and Now

Bringing mindfulness into your day-to-day life can increase joy, productivity, self-growth and promote healthy relationships. Being mindful allows you to be present in the moment so you can choose your reactions rather than fall back on subconscious and sometimes unhealthy behaviors. But mindfulness isn't an easy skill; it's a practice we use every day. This series of six mindfulness classes not only will explain mindfulness, but teach you how to practice mindfulness in different ways in your life. Each class includes an exercise so you can practice mindfulness and take your first steps into being present in your life. *Registration required.* Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.



◆ **Centering Class: Staying Present in the Moment—Thursday, May 30, 6 p.m.**

Being centered means being present in the moment with a non-judgmental, detached sense of awareness. Practicing centering helps you remain calm in stressful situations, keep emotions from overwhelming you and find compassion for yourself and others. Join Heather Kokx in this one-hour class about what centering is, why it is beneficial and how to practice it.

Mindfulness Workshop classes will be held the following Thursdays at 6 p.m.

- ◆ **June 6: Grounding Class: Being Present in Your Body**
- ◆ **June 13: Mindfulness in Daily Life: Meditation & Creating a Meditation Practice**
- ◆ **June 20: Self-Awareness Class: Inner Growth through Mindfulness & Self-Reflection**
- ◆ **July 11: Mindful Eating**
- ◆ **July 18: Mindful Communication**

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 6: *The Japanese Lover*
by Isabelle Allende

Sweeping through time and spanning generations and continents, *The Japanese Lover* explores questions of identity, abandonment, redemption and the unknowable impact of fate on our lives.



June 3: *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders & the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann



Grann spins a page-turning tale of a series of suspicious murders in early 20th century Oklahoma, helping to spawn the creation of the FBI.

◆ **Monday Evening Book Group**

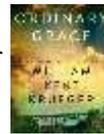
Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

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

A love letter to city life—however shiny or sleazy—Rooney paints a portrait of a remarkable woman across the canvas of a changing America: from the Jazz Age to the onset of the AIDS epidemic.

June 17: *Ordinary Grace*
by William Kent Krueger

On the surface, a story of the murder of a beautiful young woman, beloved daughter and sister. At heart, it's the story of what that tragedy does to a boy, his family and ultimately the fabric of the small town in which he lives.



◆ **Books & Beer Discussion Group**

Fourth Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Blind Faith Brewing Co., 2842 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80120

May 23: *The Hour of Land: A Personal Topography of America's National Parks* by Terry Tempest Williams



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.

◆ **Wed., May 15: Self-Publish eBooks with PressBooks, 6-7:30 p.m.**

PressBooks helps you produce professional-quality eBooks in ePUB, MOBI, PDF and other formats. Write and organize your content, add and edit information about your book and format the overall design, including cover art. Recommended for new and seasoned writers interested in learning how to create an eBook for self-publishing. The library will provide a sample book to practice with. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Internet comfort (knows how to easily navigate a web browser, open new tabs, etc.), computer comfort (can easily use keyboard and mouse - both left and right clicking and the scroll wheel).

◆ **Mon., May 20: Cell Phone Photography**

Learn how to capture moments and memories beautifully, with just your smartphone! We'll go over tips & tricks for capturing the best image you can, as well as several free photo editing apps to use after you've taken your picture. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: Smartphone
One-on-One Tech Help 30-minute sessions
Mon., May 13, 9:30-11 a.m.

Wed., May 1, 8, 15 & 29, 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 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.

The TEEN Deck

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 Night May 10, 5-7:30 p.m.

Bring your family to enjoy board games and pizza in the library after-hours! *This is an after-hours event. Participants unaccompanied by an adult parent/guardian must be picked up at 7:30 p.m. No registration required.*

♦ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

4th Saturday of every month, 12-1:30 p.m.

May 25: TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. No registration required.

Retro Video Game Night

Play old school classic Nintendo games on **Friday, May 3, 5-7 p.m.** and help create 8-bit art to hang on the wall of the Teen Deck! Snacks and nostalgia provided. *Registration is required. Call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar 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.*



Creative Journal Binding

Use old books and decorations of every shape and size to create a one-of-a-kind journal, diary or planner on **Friday, May 17, 5-7 p.m.** Snacks provided. Call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org. *Registration is required. 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.*



Teen Deck Graduation

New sixth graders are invited to a special ceremony on **Tuesday, May 28, 3-4 p.m.** to celebrate graduating from the Children's Room to the Teen Deck. Enjoy video games, board games and special treats as one of our new "teenagers!" No registration required.



Children's Programs



Drop-in Crafts

Stop by the Children's Room on **Thursday, May 9, anytime between 10-11 a.m.** for some make and take crafty fun. No reservations needed. For children of all ages.



Everybody Stamp Your Feet

Join us on **Monday, May 13, 10 a.m.** for a bit of dancing and then help your child create adorable foot print art. For families with children ages 6 and under.

Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*



Bring your babies and toddlers on **Wednesday, May 15, 10 a.m.** to listen to *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, then do an art project together inspired by the book. For ages 1-3 with a caregiver.

A Universe of Stories - Summer Reading 2019

Be sure to attend the launch of our Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories* on **Tuesday, May 28** and take a tour of the universe (see Page 1 for details). Then, stop by the children's room and pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress. Infants through children entering 5th grade may participate 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!

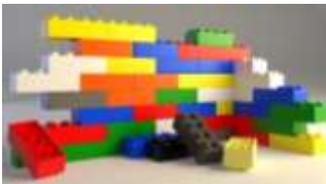


New Playaway Bookpacks

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

Regular weekly story time programs will be suspended May 1-31. Sessions will resume June 3. During May, our Children's Librarians visit local schools to promote the 2019 Summer Reading Program, *A Universe of Stories*.



♦ **Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club: Grades K-5**
Saturday, May 4 at 3 p.m.
You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. *Registration required.*

♦ Paws to Read: Grades K-5, Saturday, May 11, 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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Senior Social Club with AWRC

Socialize with your friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library.



The Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC) invites local seniors to our **Senior Social Club every Friday in May, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** Come to knit, work on a jigsaw puzzle, engage in lively conversation or just make new connections.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **Capitals of the World**
Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **The Life of Baby Doe Tabor**
Monday, June 10, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Side by Side: Out of a South Korean Orphanage & into the World**
Tuesday, June 11, 7–8:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Music Concert-Summer of '71**
Saturday, June 15, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Aviation: From Kitty Hawk to Today with Active Minds**
Monday, June 17, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Fly Me to the Moon-NASA's Golden Age and the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing**
Tuesday, June 18, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie Matinee: *On the Basis of Sex***
Saturday, June 22, 2 p.m. PG-13
- ◆ **Chasing the Moon: a PBS documentary film**
Sunday, June 23, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **George Custer: Separating Fact from Fiction**
Tuesday, June 25, 7 p.m.

* These programs require a reservation or ticket.

Schedule of Library Events

May Art Exhibit Paint Box Guild Art Show, May 1–31

Wednesday, May 1 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, May 2 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Friday, May 3 AWRC Senior Social Club, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

*Teen Retro Video Game Night, 5–7 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m.

Musical Performance: Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble, 2 p.m.

Monday, May 6 Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7 Parenting: From Pregnancy to Adolescence, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 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, May 9 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Drop-in Crafts, For kids of all ages, 10–11 a.m.

Friday, May 10 AWRC Senior Social Club, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Family Board Game Night, 5–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 11 Musical Performance: The Kilted Man, 2 p.m.

*Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Monday, May 13 *One-on-One Tech Help, By appointment between 9:30–11 a.m.

Everybody Stamp Your Feet, For families with kids ages 6 & under, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, May 14 Lost Department Stores of Denver, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15 Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, For ages 1-3 with a caregiver, 10 a.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, May 15 *Self-Publish eBooks with Press Books, 6–7:30 p.m.

Nexus Author Talk with Sasha Alsborg & Lindsay Cummings, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Friday, May 17 AWRC Senior Social Club, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

*Teen Creative Journal Binding 5–7 p.m.

Saturday, May 18 Community Garden Planting Party, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sunday, May 19 *Crafts for Adults: Upcycled Garden Art, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, May 20 *Cell Phone Photography, 9:30–11 a.m.

AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Railroads with Active Minds, 2 p.m.

Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22 International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level

Thursday, May 23 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

Friday, May 24 AWRC Senior Social Club, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 25 Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m.

Movie Matinee: *First Man*, 2–4 p.m., PG-13

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day
LIBRARY CLOSED

Tuesday, May 28 *Launch Summer Reading with a Tour of the Universe! 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

Teen Deck Graduation, For new sixth graders, 3–4 p.m.

Wednesday, May 29 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, May 30 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

*Mindfulness Workshop Series: Learn to Live in the Here & Now
Centering Class: Staying Present In the Moment, 6 p.m.

Friday, May 31 AWRC Senior Social Club, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

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