



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

## Senior Safety Workshop Series with South Metro Fire

Staff from South Metro Fire Rescue will present a series of important senior safety workshops. Be sure to attend:

- ◆ Monday, July 1, 2 p.m.—Fire Safety
- ◆ Monday, July 8, 2 p.m.—Senior Health & Aging Successfully with Littleton Adventist Hospital
- ◆ Monday, July 22, 2 p.m.—How to minimize Risks & Remain Living Independently
- ◆ Monday, July 29, 2 p.m.—Pedestrian & Community Safety for Seniors

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

These one-hour mindfulness classes not only explain mindfulness, but teach you how to practice mindfulness in different ways in your life. Each class includes an exercise so you can experience practicing mindfulness first hand 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](http://www.littletongov.org).*

- ◆ Thursday, July 11, 6–7 p.m.—Mindful Eating
- ◆ Thursday, July 18, 6–7 p.m.—Mindful Communication

## The History of Polka

Polka music performer Mike Schneider joins us on **Saturday, July 13, 2 p.m.** for this lively presentation on the history of polka music along with live accordion music.



## Space Exploration: From the Moon Landing to Today and Beyond with Active Minds

Fifty years ago this July, the United States landed the first manned space mission on the moon. Join Active Minds on **Monday, July 15, 2 p.m.** as we reflect on President Kennedy's challenge, the space race, the Apollo Mission and the role NASA has played since the lunar landing. We will bring the topic up to date by discussing the current political context for NASA and the rise of private space companies such as SpaceX, Blue Origin, Virgin Galactic and others.

## The Legendary Ladies of Colorado

Enjoy a dramatic, historical presentation on **Saturday, July 20, 2 p.m.** as six actresses portray unconventional women featuring political activist and writer Jessie Fremont, Wyoming's first female Governor Nellie Ross, dancer Portia Mansfield, opera star Lillian Russell, the "Unsinkable" Molly Brown and socialite school teacher Rosamond Underwood.



## Adult Crafts: Space Crafts

Take an intergalactic journey as we paint our own planets, make constellations on canvas and even unveil an entire universe in a jar on **Sunday, July 21, 2–4 p.m.** The library will provide supplies. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).*

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## Adult Gaming Night

Who says kids get to have all the fun? In this grown-ups only video game extravaganza on **Tuesday, July 23, 6–8 p.m.**, enjoy playing with the PlayStation 4 VR and Nintendo Switch!

## Reel Life: Documentary Film Club

Join us for a new film discussion series: Reel Life! We will watch a documentary, and then participate in an open discussion about the film. On **Friday, July 26, 6 p.m.**, we will watch, *Mercury 13*, which looks at the women who almost went to the moon. Flight Surgeon William Randolph Lovelace oversaw the physical and psychological evaluations of the male military pilots who applied for astronaut training. He chose to privately fund an additional round of testing for female candidates and found that they equaled or surpassed the men. When he presented his findings, however, NASA declined to include women in the early space program. It would take an additional 22 years for a woman to break through that barrier. Light refreshments will be served. *Registration is required. Call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).*



# Movie Matinee: *Mary Poppins Returns*



Decades after her original visit, the magical nanny returns to help the Banks siblings and Michael's children through a difficult time in their lives. On **Saturday, July 27, 2–4 p.m.**, watch Emily Blunt and Lin-Manuel Miranda in *Mary Poppins Returns*. Free popcorn and lemonade served at the film. Rated PG.

## Read Magazines for Free with Your Library Card!

Download the RB Digital app and get access to over 100 full-color, digital magazine titles. No holds, no checkout periods and no limits. Read RB Digital on desktops, mobile devices and the RB Digital app. Find RB Digital Magazines under eMaterials on our web catalog at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



## 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 Friday mornings in July, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** Come to knit, try out jigsaw puzzles, engage in lively conversation or just make new connections.

## 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/](http://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.

July 1: *Lucky Jim*  
by Kingsley Amis

The story of Jim Dixon, a hapless lecturer in medieval history at an unnamed university in England. When Dixon feels his position at the university is threatened, he strives to assert his value, stumbling comically through different social blunders.



### ♦ Books at Buck

**NEW** Join us for a new book group! We will meet at 1 p.m. immediately after the Thursday lunch at Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave. Littleton, CO 80120. Our first book is:

July 25: *Our Souls at Night*  
by Kent Haruf

The tale of unlikely love found when recent widow Addie proposes that her neighbor, Louis, a widower, sleep in the same bed as her—chastely, because the nights are so lonely.



### ♦ 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

July 25: *The Aliens Are Coming: The Extraordinary Science Behind our Search for Life in the Universe*  
by Ben Miller

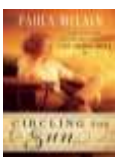


### ♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

July 15: *Circling the Sun*  
by Paula McLain

This novel transports readers to the breathtaking world of Out of Africa—1920s Kenya—and reveals the extraordinary adventures of Beryl Markham, a woman before her time.



# 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. To learn about or register for an upcoming class and/or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961. Or, register for classes online at the Library Main Calendar at [www.littlelongov.org](http://www.littlelongov.org). **Classes are held from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

### ♦ Mon., July 1: Storing Photos with Google

Learn how to use Google Photos. We will go over how to upload files from a computer, how to organize files in albums and how to download photos.

**Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse), and a Gmail account. Call the library if you need assistance setting up a Gmail account.

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

Wed., July 3, 10, 24 & 31, 1–3 p.m.

Mon., July 15, 9:30–11 a.m.

Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech assistance appointment with a librarian.

*Registration required.*

### ♦ Mon., July 8: Intro to Goodreads

Goodreads is a website you can use to track what you've read and hope to read in the future. We'll create an account and start tracking books we've read in the past as we explore lists, genres and following authors.

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

### ♦ Wed., July 17: Cutting the Cord, 6–7:30 p.m.

Are you ready to quit cable TV? This lecture-style technology class will give you an overview of other options out there. We'll discuss items you can plug into your TV such as Roku and popular streaming services such as Netflix.

**Prerequisites:** None.

### ♦ Wed., July 22: Blogging with Wordpress

Want to share thoughts, ideas or photos with the world? Learn how to set up a Wordpress account. Topics covered will include choosing a theme and creating your first post.

**Prerequisites:** Computer comfort, Internet basics, an email account (contact the library if you need assistance setting up an email account) and a **blog name in mind.**

### ♦ Mon., July 29: MS Word—Beyond the Basics

Microsoft Word is a processing tool. Learn about headers and footers, working with images, adding and using tables, and more formatting tools.

**Prerequisites:** Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Microsoft Word basics.

### ♦ Open Computer Lab: 9:30–11 a.m.

Every Thursday morning. **No registration required.** Practice your computer skills and receive assistance from a computer class instructor.

### ♦ Tech Table: 2:30–4 p.m.

Every other Friday between 2:30–4 p.m. Try out one of our technologies including robots and circuitry systems. **Open to all ages. No registration required.**

July 5: **Lego Mindstorms**

July 19: **Snap Circuits / Ozobots**

August 2: **Sphero**



# Children's Programs



## A Universe of Stories—Summer Reading 2019

Children from birth through kids entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall may pick up a Reading Record to track Summer Reading progress and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include a free book and merchant certificates. *Program ends July 31.*

**July Family Entertainment—Every Tuesday at 3 p.m. For families with children ages three and up.**



♦ **July 2—Denver Zoo - ZOOperheroes**

Learn about Denver Zoo animals that adapt to survive the perils of the natural world.

♦ **July 9—Michael Stanwood – Around the World with Music**

Take a musical journey through sound, culture and laughter. Then, try out unusual instruments.

♦ **July 16—Play-Ground Theatre presents Fairy Tale Theatre**

Enjoy Three Billy Goats Gruff, Fairy Tales in the News and Rappin' Red Riding Hood with Strummin' Fred the Wolf.

♦ **July 23—Dog Stars!**

Denise Gard's famous Border Collies, Joey and Sienna, will perform "star quality" tricks.

**July School Age Programs—Every Wednesday at 3 p.m. Register one week in advance. For kids entering Grades 1–5.\***

♦ **July 10—Cool Science - Harry Potter Potions, Charms and Alchemy Class\***

Learn some cool transfiguration potions, how to float a feather with a levitation charm and turn a penny into silver or gold with a Sorcerer's Stone.

♦ **July 17—Puff It UP!\***

Make puffy paint then use it to create your very own artistic universe.

♦ **July 24—Game On!\***

Learn some of the popular dance moves of your favorite Fortnite characters, try your luck at video game-themed bingo and create something of your own to take home.

For more information, call the library at 303-795-3961 and ask for the Teen Deck or send an email to [libem@littletongov.org](mailto:libem@littletongov.org).

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG) 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of every month, 12–1:30 p.m.**

July 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.

## Summer Reading Events



Have you signed up for Summer Reading yet? Register online at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) or in person on the Teen Deck. *Program ends July 31.*

Attendance at the following programs will earn you a chance at weekly summer reading program prize drawings. *Registration is required. Please call 303-795-3961 to register, or register online at the library's events calendar at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org).*

♦ **July 6: Massive Monopoly\***

1–1:45 p.m. / 2–2:45 p.m. / 3–3:45 p.m. 4–4:45 p.m.

Play with your friends on our giant, library-themed Monopoly board.

♦ **July 11, 2–5 p.m.: In A Galaxy Far, Far Away... RPG\***

Play as a character in a Star Wars-themed roleplaying game.

♦ **July 18, 2–4 p.m.: Trivia Trials\***

Work as a team to win prizes in a space-themed trivia battle.

♦ **July 25, 2–4 p.m.: Doctor Who Writing Workshop\***

Explore the Who-niverse and learn how to write a great *Doctor Who* story of your own.

## Teen Talent Show

Be in the audience on Wednesday, July 17, 7–9 p.m. to watch our awesome performers and vote for the most talented teens in Littleton. The high school and middle school contestant that earns the most audience votes will each win \$100 cash. No registration required. Seating is limited.



## Movie Matinee—Super Buddies

Disney's Buddies discover mysterious rings that grant them each unique super powers on **Wednesday, July 3, 3 p.m.** They must unleash their amazing abilities and race to the rescue when a shape-shifting bully from outer space threatens the planet. For families with children ages 3 and older. Children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Snacks will be provided. Rated G. Length: 81 minutes. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 to register.*



## Drop-In and Build

Stop by the Children's Room anytime during our "construction" hours for an open build session on **Wednesday, July 17, 5–8 p.m.** Create and construct with materials provided such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln logs, Tinker Toys and blocks. For families with children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger.



## Bollywood Dance with Deepali

Born and raised in India, Deepali calls herself a storyteller using the media of dance. Enjoy a demonstration of her dancing skills on **Tuesday, July 30, 7 p.m.** Then, then get on your feet and join Deepali as she teaches some basic Bollywood dance moves. For families with children ages 3 and older.

## 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.**

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 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: Ages 3 and older. Thursday at 10:30 a.m.**

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show on Thursday, July 11.*

♦ **S.T.E.A.M. It Up: 3–5 year olds. Fridays at 11 a.m.**

It might be math, science, art, technology or engineering. Be what it may, we will have great stories and fun activities for preschoolers. *Puppet show on Friday July 12.*

♦ **Paws to Read: Entering Grades 1–5. Saturday, July 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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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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## 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:

- ♦ **Lego City-International Space Station**  
Saturday, August 3 & Sunday, August 4
- ♦ **Taste the Sweetness Later: Two Muslim Women in America Author Talk with Connie Shoemaker**  
Tuesday, August 13, 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Outdoor Concert: Two Faces West**  
Thursday, August 15, 6–7:30 p.m.
- ♦ **\*Adult Crafts at the Library: Clutter-Busting Crafts**  
Sunday, August 18, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Leonardo da Vinci with Active Minds**  
Monday, August 19, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: Captain Marvel**  
Saturday, August 24, 2–4 p.m. PG-13
- ♦ **\*Creative Aging Workshop: Exploring Identity and Memory through Creative Writing**  
Thursday, August 29, 2–4:30 p.m.

\* This program requires a reservation.

# Schedule of Library Events

**July Art Exhibits** Metro Denver Digital Photo Learning Group Show, July 1–13  
Lone Tree Camera Club Show, July 14–31

**Monday, July 1** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
\*Storing Photos with Google, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.  
Senior Safety Workshop Series: Fire Safety, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 2** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.

Denver Zoo–ZOOperheroes, For families & kids ages 3 & up, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 3** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Movie: *Super Buddies*, For families with kids ages 3 & older, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, July 4** Independence Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Friday, July 5** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

STEAM It Up, For 3-5 year olds, 11 a.m.  
Tech Table: Lego Mindstorms, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Saturday, July 6** \*Teen Massive Monopoly, 1-1:45, 2-2:45, 3-3:45 & 4-4:45 p.m.

**Monday, July 8** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
\*Intro to Goodreads, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Senior Safety Workshop Series: Senior Health & Aging Successfully, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 9** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.

Michael Stanwood–Around the World with Music, For families & kids ages 3 & up, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 10** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Cool Science-Harry Potter Potions, Charms & Alchemy Class, For Grades 1–5, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, July 11** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Teen *In a Galaxy Far, Far Away...* RPG, 2–5 p.m.  
\*Mindfulness Workshop Series: Mindful Eating, 6–7 p.m.

**Friday, July 12** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

STEAM It Up, For 3-5 year olds, 11 a.m.  
\*Teen Laser Tag, 5–6 p.m.

**Saturday, July 13** \*Paws to Read, For grades 1–5, 10 a.m.–noon  
Musical Performance: The History of Polka, 2 p.m.

**Monday, July 15** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.  
Space Exploration with Active Minds, 2 p.m.  
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 16** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Play-Ground Theatre, For families & kids ages 3 & up, 3 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 17** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Puff it UP!, For grades 1–5, 3 p.m.  
Drop-In and Build, For families with kids 5<sup>th</sup> grade & younger, 5–8 p.m.  
\*Cutting the Cord, 6–7:30 p.m.  
Teen Talent Show, 7–9 p.m.

**Thursday, July 18** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Teen Trivia Trials, 2–4 p.m.  
\*Mindfulness Workshop Series: Mindful Communication, 6–7 p.m.

**Friday, July 19** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
STEAM It Up, For 3-5 year olds, 11 a.m.  
Tech Table: Snap Circuits / Ozobots, 2:30–4 p.m.

**Saturday, July 20** Legendary Ladies of Colorado, 2 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21** \*Crafts for Grownups, Space Crafts, 2–4 p.m.

**Monday, July 22** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
\*Blogging with Wordpress, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Senior Safety Workshop Series: Minimize Risks to Live Independently, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 23** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Dog Stars with Denise Gard, For families & kids 3 and up, 3 p.m.  
Adult Gaming Night, 6–8 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 24** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Game On! For grades 1–5, 3 p.m.

**Thursday, July 25** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.

\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
\*Doctor Who Writing Workshop, 2-4 p.m.  
Books at Buck, 1 p.m.  
Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m.

**Friday, July 26** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

STEAM It Up, For 3-5 year olds, 11 a.m.  
\*Reel Life: Documentary Film Club, 6 p.m.

**Saturday, July 27** Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m.

Movie: *Mary Poppins Returns*, 2-4 p.m.

**Monday, July 29** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
\*MS Word-Beyond Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.  
Senior Safety Workshop Series: Pedestrian & Community Safety, 2 p.m.

**Tuesday, July 30** \*Story Box, 10:30 a.m.  
Bollywood Dance with Deepali, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, July 31** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.

All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

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