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Bemis Joins Prospector

Prospector borrowing is now available to Bemis patrons! Prospector is a unified catalog of academic, public and special libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Through Prospector, Bemis library patrons have access to over 30 million items. It's easy to borrow an item from Prospector. Do a regular catalog search at bemis.marmot.org. If the item you are searching for is not available in our catalog, you can find the Prospector link by scrolling down the page and clicking on "See more results in Prospector." If the item is available in Prospector, click the "Request It" button, select Alliance-Bemis Public Library and enter your name and library card number. Items will be delivered to Bemis within 7–10 days at no special cost. If you still can't find what you are looking for, our Interlibrary Loan service will attempt to locate and borrow it from libraries nationwide.



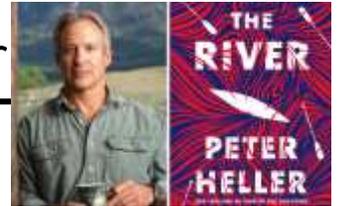
Creative Aging Workshops Creative Writing: Our Lives, Our Poems

Poetry is not just pretty: it is a tool that helps us build community as we reflect upon the world around us. Teaching artist Andrea Asali from Think 360 Arts for Learning will show how to weave stories and ideas into beautiful poems. Each workshop session will focus on different poetic forms, including tanka, abecedarian, ode, ghazal and blues poems. *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.*

- ◆ Thursday, September 5, 2 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, September 12, 2 p.m.
- ◆ Thursday, October 31, 2 p.m.

Bestselling Author Peter Heller

Colorado author Peter Heller joins us to discuss his latest novel, *The River*, on **Thursday, September 5, 7 p.m.** Heller is a national bestselling author and winner of the Reading the West Book Award. Tattered Cover book sales and signing will follow the event.



National Library Card Sign-up Month

Sign up for a library card at Bemis in September and receive a free book! Your name also will be entered in a drawing for a gift certificate to a local Littleton business. Already have a library card? Show your card at the main floor information desk to be entered in a special prize drawing. A library card gives you access to a variety of free materials including bestsellers, blockbuster movies, eBooks, audio books, digital courses, magazines and more! Kids, show your new card at the children's desk this month to receive a small prize.

Musical Performance: Jerry Barlow

Enjoy a special musical performance with acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow on **Saturday, September 7, 2 p.m.** Barlow's musical repertoire is a synthesis of traditional music from the British Isles and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions.

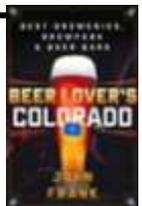


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Beer Lover's Colorado

Join beer enthusiast John Frank on **Tuesday, September 10, 7 p.m.** for *Beer Lover's Colorado*, the ultimate guidebook to the best beer, breweries and bars in Colorado. Frank is a beer columnist and political reporter at the *Colorado Sun*. He has written about beer for seven years and his work has appeared in *All About Beer Magazine*.



After-Hours Family Stargazing Event



For centuries, people have stood in awe and wonder of the night and its glorious show. As the hobby of amateur astronomy has become more popular, people have gathered to share information along with the joy and wonder of stargazing.

Following a brief informational presentation on **Friday, September 27, 7:30–9:30 p.m.**, we will head outside to view the night skies through telescopes courtesy of the University of Denver's Chamberlin Observatory and Denver Astronomical Society. For all ages—kids, teens and adults.

London with Active Minds

Join Active Minds on **Monday, September 16, 2 p.m.** to hear the story of one of the world's greatest cities. Along the way, we'll visit some of London's most colorful characters and notable places.



Beginning Genealogy - Researching Newspapers

Historical newspaper resources are easy to access in this digital age. On **Tuesday, September 17, 9:30–11:30 a.m.**, learn tips and techniques for finding records in newspapers such as birth announcements, divorces, obituaries and news reports. Class fee is \$25 which includes the book *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide*. Make checks payable to Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society or CGHS. *Registration required on or before Sept. 10. To register visit the library's website at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*

Power of Attorney & Living Will Clinic

Learn about powers of attorney and living wills and the benefits of completing them from Metro Volunteer Lawyers on **Monday, September 23, 2 p.m.** Discover how to choose someone to make medical and financial decisions for you in case you ever are unable to do so in the future. This program is open to the public.

Volunteer attorneys will return on **Monday, September 30** for appointments to assist individuals in completing powers of attorney and living will documents. *Registration for individual appointments is required and will occur at the program on September 23. Appointments will be limited to individuals who are financially eligible for free legal services.*

Legal Night with Arapahoe County Bar Assn.

Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, for up to a 30-minute consultation on **Tuesday, September 24, 5:30–8 p.m., By Appointment Only**. Attorneys, provided by the Arapahoe County Bar Association, can help in the following legal areas: civil and commercial litigation, criminal defense, commercial and business law, employment law, estate planning, family law (including divorce), personal injury, accidents and wrongful death, probate administration and litigation and real estate. *Registration is required. Register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.*

Movie Matinee: *The Public*

See this David vs. Goliath story on **Saturday, September 28, 2–4 p.m.** A librarian helps a group of homeless people take refuge at the free public library during a brutal winter night. Emilio Estevez wrote, directed and stars along with Alec Baldwin. Free popcorn and lemonade at the movie. PG-13.



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.

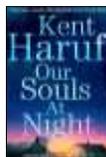
◆ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Sept. 9*: *Our Souls at Night*
by Kent Haruf

In Holt, Colorado, widower Louis Waters is initially thrown when the widowed Addie Moore suggests that they spend time together, in bed, to stave off loneliness. Soon, they are exchanging confidences, memories of lives now empty of family and hopes for the imminent future.

** We will meet on the second Monday in Sept. due to the Labor Day holiday.*

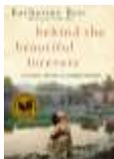


◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Sept. 16: *Behind the Beautiful Forevers*
by Katherine Boo

In this National Book Award-winning true story, the author describes Annawadi, a present-day slum of Mumbai, India. Boo spent three years in India living with the poor behind the glossy billboards advertising "Floors that Stay Beautiful Forever."



◆ Books at Buck

1 p.m. following the Thursday lunch hosted at the Douglas H. Buck Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave, Littleton, CO. For information about the Thursday lunch, please call 303-730-4605.

Sept. 26: *Tallgrass*
by Sandra Dallas

In the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, an internment camp for Japanese opens in a small Colorado community, the town's residents struggle to accept the newcomers—particularly following a terrible crime.



◆ 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

Sept. 26: *All Natural*
by Nathanael Johnson

In this book about the merits of nature vs. technology, the author goes on a quest to discover if the natural approach to diet, child-birth, healing and the environment really keeps us healthier and happier.



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.littletongov.org.

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

◆ One-on-One Tech Help 30-minute sessions **Wed., Sept. 4, 11 and 18: 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.**

Mon., Sept. 23, 9:30–11 a.m.

Wed., Sept. 25, 9:30–11 a.m.

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

Registration required.

◆ Mon., Sept. 9: Internet Basics

Have you always wanted to learn how to effectively use the internet, but didn't know where to begin? In this class we'll go over different web browsers, navigating the internet, bookmarking websites, internet safety and more.

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

◆ Mon., Sept. 16: Canva Basics

Canva is a free graphic-design tool website you can use online. We'll learn how to make our own beautiful graphics using their simple drag-and-drop format. Everyone will go home with a flyer they created themselves!

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) and an active email account.

◆ Wed., Sept. 25: Cell Phone Photography **6–7:30 p.m.**

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

Prerequisites: Smartphone.

◆ Mon., Sept. 30: Writing a Resume with **Microsoft Word**

Learn how to use the Microsoft Word formatting tools to create a resume. We will go over special formatting, such as horizontal line breaks, inserting symbols and changing margins. We also will learn how to save documents as a PDF.

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. Get answers to your computer-related questions. Practice 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.

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.



◆ Board Game Friday Sept. 13: 5–7:30 p.m.

Play board games and enjoy snacks 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.

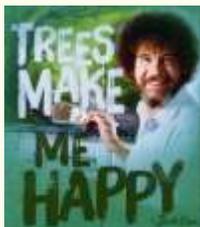
◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

Sept. 28: TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. No registration required.

Bob Ross Paint-Along

Grab a brush and get ready to paint some happy trees on **Friday, September 6, 5–7 p.m.** The library will provide all the materials you need to paint along and make a beautiful picture of



your very own (or paint what you like while listening to the calming voice of a pop culture icon). This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7 p.m.

Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register on-line at www.littletongov.org.

Weekly Teen Book Suggestion

Looking for a great teen read? Check out some of our new and popular books by visiting the Teen Deck Book page at bemis.libguides.com/teen-deck/books. Every week a book will be reviewed by a Bemis teen reader. If you want your favorite book featured on this page, send an email to the teen librarian at: libem@littletongov.org. Include your name, grade, title of your book, its author and one paragraph describing why you love the book. If your book is selected, you'll win a prize and have your book review featured online for a week!



Children's Programs



September is... National Library Card Sign-up Month

Celebrate Bemis by getting a library card or using the one you already have. Each September, Bemis and libraries across the country unite in a national effort to ensure every child signs-up for their own library card. Kids, show your new card and receive a small prize at the Children's Desk during September.



Give Tech a Try



Stop by the Children's Room to check out our new Code & Go Robot Mice and Ozobots on **Friday, September 13, 3–4:30 p.m.** They're simple to use and fun for a wide age range. For kids ages 4 and up (under 6 need to be with an adult).

Dads and Donuts

Calling all Dads, grandpas and uncles! Bring your little ones in for a fun story time with donuts, juice and coffee on **Saturday, September 28, 10–10:30 a.m.** For ages 1–5 and caregivers.



Biography in Context Database

Now that school is back in session, research assignments won't be far behind. Numerous research databases are available through the library's website. At our online catalog bemis.marmot.org, click on Research & Learn and then on Research Databases A-Z. If you need biographical information, give Biography in Context a try. This online database provides over 650,000 biographies of the world's most influential people which can be searched by name, occupation, nationality, ethnicity, gender or birth/death dates and places. In addition to authoritative reference content, the product offers videos, audio selections, images, primary sources and magazine and journal articles helpful to 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.

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

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities with a *puppet show* on *September 5 and 6*.

◆ Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club: For Kids in Grades K–5 Saturday, September 7, 3 p.m.

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks. Call 303-795-3961 to register.



◆ Paws to Read: For Kids in Grades K–5 Saturday, September 14, 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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Are You an Artisan or Crafter?

Would you like to sell your products at the largest craft fair in the region? The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, an organization which supports programs at both the Bemis Library and Littleton Museum, will be hosting its **48th Annual Craft Fair on Saturday, October 5**. Booth spaces are still available. The fee is \$185 for a standard 10'x10' booth, and \$200 for a corner booth. If you are interested in applying, please go eventslocal.com and search for Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum 48th Annual Craft Fair, to view fair information and submit your application. Questions can be emailed to Meredith Gipson at libmg@littletongov.org.



Upcoming Events

- Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:
- ♦ **Essential Oils**—October 1, 7 p.m.
 - ♦ **Poetry Performance with Lisa Zimmeran** October 3, 2 p.m.
 - ♦ **Musical Performance: The Carbone Family Band** October 5, 2 p.m.
 - ♦ **Poetry Writing: a Creative Aging Workshop** October 10, 2 p.m.*
 - ♦ **The Ghosts of Denver**—October 14, 2 p.m.
 - ♦ **Beer with Active Minds**—October 21, 2 p.m.
 - ♦ **Reel Life: Documentary Film Club: Hippie Family Values** October 25, 6 p.m.*
 - ♦ **Movie Matinee: Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am** October 26, 2–4 p.m., PG-13
 - ♦ **Creative Aging Workshops: Creative Writing: Our Lives, Our Poems*** October 31, 2–3 p.m.
- * These programs require a reservation.

Schedule of Library Events

- Sept. Art Exhibits** Sherry Allen Art Show, September 1–30
- Monday, Sept. 2** Labor Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Sept. 3** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 4** Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 5** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Creative Aging Workshops-Creative Writing: Our Lives, Our Poems, 2 p.m.
Bestselling Author Peter Heller, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 6** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Teen Bob Ross Paint-Along, 5–7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 7** *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3 p.m.
Music with Jerry Barlow, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 9** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Internet Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 10** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Beer Lover's Colorado with Author John Frank, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 11** Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 12** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Creative Aging Workshops-Creative Writing: Our Lives, Our Poems, 2 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 13** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Give Tech a Try, For kids ages 4 and up, 3–4:30 p.m.
Teen Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 14** *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
- Sunday, Sept. 15** *Crafts for Grownups: Crafting by the Book, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 16** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Canva Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 16** AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
London with Active Minds, 2 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17** *Beginning Genealogy–Researching Newspapers, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 18** Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 19** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Sept. 20** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Monday, Sept. 23** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m.
*Power of Attorney & Living Will Clinic, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 24** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
*Legal Night with Arapahoe County Bar Association, 5:30–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25** *One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
All Together Now Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*Cell Phone Photography, 6–7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 26** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Books at Buck Book Group, 1 p.m.
Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 27** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
After-Hours Family Stargazing Event, 7:30–9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 28** Dads and Donuts, 10–10:30 a.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m.
Movie Matinee: *The Public*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 30** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Writing a Resume with Microsoft Word, 9:30–11 a.m.
*Power of Attorney & Living Will Clinic, By Appointment Only, 2 p.m.

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