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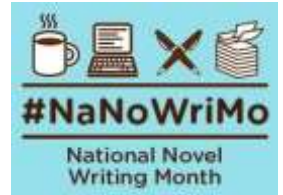
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National Novel Writing Month

National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is an annual, Internet-based creative writing project that takes place during November. Participants attempt to write a 50,000-word manuscript in thirty days. Join us for a celebration of creativity as writers of all ages take part in this annual tradition.



◆ **Kick-Off Party—Friday, November 1, 3–5 p.m.**

Enjoy snacks, creative writing games, pick up a writer's care package (while supplies last) and get entered into the door-prize drawing for one of three \$10 gift cards to Tattered Cover.

◆ **Write-In—Thursday, November 14, 5–9 p.m.**

Gather together with your writing community as we mark the halfway-point of National Novel Writing Month. Pizza will be served, as well as drinks, snacks, and ambient music. Participants will be entered into the door-prize drawing for a \$20 gift card to Tattered Cover.

Musical Performance: Mark McQuery Trio



Enjoy the acoustic guitar musical stylings of the Mark McQuery Trio on **Saturday, November 2, 2 p.m.**

Adult Gaming Night

Who says kids get to have all the fun? In this grown-ups only video game extravaganza on **Tuesday, November 5, 6–8 p.m.** enjoy your chance to play with the PlayStation 4 VR and Nintendo Switch.

Bone Health

Bones are living tissue that respond to bone building care throughout life. Hear how to support lifelong bone health on **Wednesday, November 13, 2 p.m.** by knowing how to get all the nutrients your bones need. Presented by a nutritional health coach for Natural Grocers.

Crafts at the Library: Purely Ornamental



Join us for a different featured craft on the third Sunday of each month as we explore ways to get back in touch with our creativity. On **Sunday, November 17, 2–4 p.m.**, we will create one-of-a-kind ornament treasures to keep or give away. The library will provide materials, inspiration, tools and techniques. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org.*

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Active Minds Presents Native Americans in Colorado

Join Active Minds on **Monday, November 18, 2 p.m.** as we tell the stories of the original inhabitants of Colorado. From Mesa Verde to the high plains, we will trace the civilizations of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pueblo and other tribes as we seek to understand Colorado's Native American history and legacy.



Movie Matinee: *Yesterday*



See *Yesterday*, the story of a struggling musician who wakes up in an alternate timeline and realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember The Beatles ever existed. Showing **Saturday, November 23, 2 p.m.** Free popcorn and lemonade at the movie. PG-13.

Food For Fines

Donate a non-perishable unexpired food item and have an overdue fine removed from your Bemis Library record **November 1–December 31**. One item of food equals one overdue bill of \$3 or less removed. Offer does not apply to lost or damaged books. Food will benefit Integrated Family Community Services which helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County.



Holiday Book Sale



Holiday shopping was never easier than buying books at the **Friends' Holiday Book Sale November 17–December 31**. Donated books in pristine condition that are truly gift worthy and all at reasonable prices. You'll find craft, cooking and children's books, as well as fiction, history, art, gardening, biographies and more.

Lynda.com Subscription to End

Lynda.com for Libraries—now called LinkedInLearning—has made considerable changes to its terms of use that impact library patrons' privacy. Due to these changes and concerns arising from them, Bemis Public Library will not renew its subscription for Lynda.com. **Patrons will have until December 20, 2019 to take and/or finish Lynda.com classes.** We are investigating other online learning alternatives to debut in January 2020.

Gimme Five—Personalized Book & Movie Recommendations

We would love to help you find your next favorite book or movie! Get personalized recommendation lists of either books or movies from a Bemis librarian after filling out a short form. Get more information online from bemis.libguides.com/gimme-five or 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.

Nov. 4: *Behold the Dreamers*
by Imbolo Mbue

This debut novel offers a fresh take on the immigrant experience as it details the lives of two New York City families during the 2008 financial crisis: an immigrant family from Cameroon and their wealthy employers.



◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Nov. 18: *War & Turpentine*
by Stefan Hertmans

Shortly before his death in 1981, Urbain Martien gave his grandson, a young writer, two notebooks in which he had recorded the harrowing tales of his experiences as a soldier. Decades later, the grandson retells his grandfather's story, the notebooks providing a key to the locked chambers of Urbain's memory.



◆ Books at Buck

Fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Douglas H. Buck Recreation Center, 2004 W. Powers Ave, Littleton, CO.

Nov. 21: * *Little Britches* by Ralph Moody
In 1906, eight-year-old Ralph Moody and his family moved from New Hampshire to Littleton, Colorado, in an effort to help his father's health. Through Ralph's young eyes, the challenges and joys of ranching in the early twentieth century unfold.



**We will meet on the third Thursday due to the Thanksgiving holiday.*

◆ 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

Nov. 21: * *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*
by Barbara Kingsolver

Kingsolver and her family abandoned the industrial-food pipeline to live a rural life—vowing that, for one year, they'd only buy food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it.



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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

Thirty-minute sessions *by appointment only*

Nov. 6 & 13: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.

Nov. 20, 25 & 27: 9:30–11 a.m. only

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

◆ Mon., Nov. 4: Facebook Basics

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.

Prerequisites: Computer basics and an email account.

◆ Mon., Nov. 11: Google Photos for Smartphones

Never worry about what could happen to your cell phone's photos once you learn how to use Google Photos. We will go over how to back up photos from your phone, how to organize files in albums and how to access your photos on a computer.

Prerequisites: Smartphone and a Gmail account (please contact the library if you need assistance creating an account).

◆ Mon., Nov. 18: Downloading eBooks with Libby

Are you traveling for the holidays or just want to learn how to get library books to your phone or tablet? This class is for you. We'll go over how to download the "Libby, by Overdrive" app, how to connect Bemis Library and then how to find and check out eBooks or eAudiobooks.

Prerequisites: Compatible device (find compatible devices here: <https://help.libbyapp.com/6105.htm>). Libby is not currently supported by Kindle or Nook devices) and your library card number.

◆ Open Computer Lab 9:30–11 a.m.

Every Thursday morning. No registration required. Get answers to your computer-related questions every Thursday morning 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 digital materials 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.



◆ **Board Game Friday**
2nd Friday of every month, 5-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8: 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.
Nov. 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.

November is NaNoWriMo

The world needs your novel! Join us for a celebration of creativity as writers of all ages take part in this annual tradition. See Page 1 for details. No registration required for NaNoWriMo events.



- ◆ **Kick-Off Party:** Fri., Nov. 1, 3-5 p.m.
- ◆ **Write-In:** Thurs., Nov. 14, 5-9 p.m.

Laser T.A.G.

In this special laser tag event, Teen Advisory Group (TAG) members are invited to stay and play after-hours on **Saturday, November 23, 5-6:30 p.m.** Registration is required. 2019 TAG participants will be given priority sign up. General registration opens Fri., Nov. 15, at 9 a.m. To register, call 303-795-3961 or register online at the library's events calendar at www.littletongov.org. This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 6:30 p.m.



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Teen Winter Reading

Win prizes during our Teen Winter Reading Program: Season's Readings Nov. 23-Jan. 6. Stop by the Teen Deck for more details.



Children's Programs



Imagine a Reading Wonderland Winter Reading Program

Join our special Winter Reading Program, **November 23-January 6**, just for independent readers in grades 1-5. Pick up a reading log in the library **beginning November 23**, then read chapter books on your own in your free time during the holidays and record the number of pages that you read. Children will meet their goals by completing a certain number of pages based on their grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Visit us in the Children's Room to find out more.



Stone Soup with Merry Andrew Afoot

Join Leroy Leonard, a one-man theatrical hoot, in a delightful re-enactment of the folktale, *Stone Soup*, on **Sunday, November 24, 3 p.m.** This well-known story gets a retelling with unusual ingredients, including a hungry tiger fish, a pickle named Ben and of course, ROCKS! For kids of all ages.

Play with Your Food

Get creative with Thanksgiving-themed food crafts on **Monday, November 25, 10:30 a.m.** Make teepees and turkeys out of food. Then use them to decorate your dinner table at Thanksgiving or just gobble them up. For kids ages 3 and older.



Drop-in Crafts

Flock to the Children's Room on **Tuesday, November 26, 10-11 a.m.** and get ready for Turkey Day with some make and take, crafty fun. No reservations needed. For children of all ages.

Movie Matinee—*The Secret Life of Pets 2*

Continue the story of Max, Gidget, Snowball and the rest of the gang on **Wednesday, November 27, 3-4:30 p.m.** Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under age 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Length: 86 minutes. *Reservations required. Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning November 13 to sign up.*



Ongoing Programs

No story times the week of November 25.

- ◆ **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 November 7 and 8.*



- ◆ **Paws to Read: For Kids in Grades K-5.**
Saturday, November 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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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 **Fridays in November, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** Come to knit, try out jigsaw puzzles, engage in lively conversation or just make new connections.

Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **A Christmas Carol with Charles Dickens**
Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m.
- ◆ **Humor and Hope for Caregivers**
Monday, December 9, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Brain Health: Memory**
Wednesday, December 11, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Musical Performance: Smithsonian Handbell Ensemble Christmas Concert**
Saturday, December 14, 1 and 3 p.m.
- ◆ **The Discovery of the South Pole with Active Minds**
Monday, December 16, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Crafts at the Library: Perfectly Present Crafts***
Sunday, December 15, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie Matinee: *Miracle on 34th Street***
Saturday, December 28, 2 p.m.

**This program requires a reservation. Please call 303-795-3961.*

Nov. Art Exhibits Bob Coorsen Photography Show, November 1–30

Friday, Nov. 1 Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
National Novel Writing Month Kick-Off Party, For all ages, 3–5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2 Musical Performance: Mark McQuery Trio, 2 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 4 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Facebook Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 5 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Gaming Night, 6–8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 6 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, Nov. 7 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 8 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 Board Game Friday, 5–7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9 *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon

Monday, Nov. 11 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Google Photos for Smartphones, 9:30–11 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 12 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 13 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.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Bone Health, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 14 Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
National Novel Writing Month Write-In, For all ages, 5–9 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 15 Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 17 *Crafts for Grownups: Purely Ornamental, 2–4 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 18 All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Downloading Ebooks with Libby, 9:30–11 a.m.
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Native Americans with Active Minds, 2 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 19 Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 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. only

Thursday, Nov. 21 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, Nov. 22 Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 23 Teen Advisory Group, 12–1:30 p.m.
Movie: *Yesterday*, PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
*Teen Laser T.A.G., 5–6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24 Stone Soup with Merry Andrew Afoot, For kids of all ages, 3 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25 *One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. only
Play with Your Food, For kids ages 3 and older, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 26 Drop-in Crafts, For kids of all ages, 10–11 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 *One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. only
International Conversation Circle, Noon–1:30 p.m. on the lower level
*Movie Matinee: *The Secret Life of Pets 2*, For kids ages 3 & up, 3–4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Day
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Thursday, Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Holiday
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**These programs require a reservation. Please call 303-795-3961.*