



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Winter Reading Program: *The Big Chill*

Chase the winter blues away by participating in our adult Adult Winter Reading Program, *The Big Chill*, January 6–February 29. Pick up a Winter Reading bingo card to begin the fun. Read, attend programs and enjoy the library’s services for a chance to win prizes from a Littleton business in our weekly prize drawings. Complete at least one “bingo” per card entry for a chance to win.

DIY Body Care for Every Body

Scrub goodbye to skin care chemicals and learn fun, easy do-it-yourself body care using oils, foods and everyday ingredients at home on **Tuesday, January 7, 7 p.m.** Presented by Kelly Andis, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers.

Musical Performance: Teresa Carroll Jazz Quartet

Jazz singer Teresa Carroll performs “Songs Rarely Sung” from the Great American Songbook on **Saturday, January 11, 2 p.m.** Carroll is a Denver jazz artist who can regularly be heard at Nocturne Jazz Club, The Brown Palace, The Golden Hotel and La Cour Art Bar.



Fly Cheap, Stay Cheap, Travel Cheap

Learn the secrets of traveling in style on a limited budget on **Monday, January 13, 2 p.m.** Discover how to obtain great deals on airfares, accommodations, cruises, entertainment and ideas for creative lodging from travel columnist and author Ron Stern. His book, *Fly Cheap, Stay Cheap, Travel Cheap*, will be available for purchase at the program for \$15.

Reel Life: Documentary Film Club

Join us for our movie discussion series: Reel Life on **Friday, January 17, 6 p.m.** We will watch and then discuss the documentary, *Reel Injun—On the Trail of the Hollywood “Indian”*. Traveling through the heartland of America, Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond looks at how the myth of “the Injun” has influenced the world’s understanding—and misunderstanding—of Natives. Refreshments will be served. *Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Crafts at the Library: Clean Slate Crafts

It’s always nice to start a new year with a clean slate—or a clean craft area. Our craft closet needs cleaning out! If we’ve done a craft in the past that you particularly loved, or one that you hated to miss, this is your chance for a reprise on **Saturday, January 18, 2–4 p.m.** This program is for adults only. Space is limited. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961.*

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Beginner Genealogy Workshop

Have you always wanted to research your ancestors but didn’t know where to start? If so, this basic genealogy class on **Tuesday, January 21, 9:30–11:30 a.m.** will give you resources and valuable local connections. Topics will include where to find records, building your family tree, using on-line resources and an introduction to the Bemis genealogical collection. Instructor, Jean Larson Adams, has served as the Education Coordinator for Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society. *Registration is required on or before January 14.* Class fee is \$25 which includes the book *How to Do Everything Genealogy*, 4th ed. by George G. Morgan. Make checks payable to Columbine Genealogical and Historical Society or CGHS. To register visit or call the library at 303-795-3961.

Movie Matinee: *Where’d You Go, Bernadette?*



See the mysterious comedy based on Maria Semple’s bestselling novel **Saturday, January 25, 2–4 p.m.** Loving mom and creative but eccentric Bernadette becomes compelled to reconnect with her passions after years of sacrificing for her family. Enjoy popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.

Ukraine with Active Minds

Seventy years of Soviet control of Ukraine ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. During that time Ukraine suffered extensive famines, deportation of its citizens and repopulation of its country by ethnic Russians. After independence, Ukraine aligned more with the west, resulting in escalating tension between ethnic Russians and Ukrainians. In 2014, Russia annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine, fueling an ongoing low-level civil war fed by Russian influence. Join Active Minds **Monday, January 27, 2 p.m.** to review the history, present issues and future challenges of this former Soviet satellite country.



Aging Well Resource Center – New Hours

New year... new hours for the Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC):
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
Wednesday: Closed — Friday: 9 a.m.–noon

The AWRC, located inside Bemis Public Library, provides resources and referral information on such topics as caregiving and in-home assistance, Medicare, senior living arrangements, transportation, food assistance, Medicaid and other types of assistance. Stop by for a visit. If you are over the age of 50, you'll want to get to know us.

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



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.

Jan. 6: Book Selection and discussion for 2020.

◆ Wednesday Evening Book Group

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Jan. 15: *The Pearl that Broke its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi

In Kabul, 2007, with a drug-addicted father and no brothers, Rahima and her sisters can only sporadically attend school. In fact, they can rarely leave the house. Their only hope lies in the ancient custom of bacha posh, which allows young Rahima to dress and be treated as a boy until she is of marriageable age. As a son, she can attend school, go to the market and chaperone her older sisters. But what will happen when Rahima is of marriageable age?



◆ Books at Buck

Fourth Thursday of each month at 1 p.m.

at the Douglas H. Buck Recreation Ctr., 2004 W. Powers Ave, Littleton, CO

Jan. 23: *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple

Genius and eccentric architect Bernadette seems to have it all—beautiful home in Seattle, successful and loving husband, and brilliant



teenage daughter who's about to attend boarding school. When Bernadette suddenly disappears without a trace, her concerned family sets off on an exciting adventure to solve the mystery of where she might have gone.

◆ 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

Jan. 23: *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People*

by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald

Self-perceptions are challenged by

the study of the hidden biases we carry from a lifetime of exposure to cultural attitudes about age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, social class, sexuality, disability status and nationality.

The title's "good people" are those of us who strive to align our behavior with our intentions. By gaining awareness, we can adapt beliefs and behavior and "outsmart the machine" in our heads so we can be fairer to those around us.



Technology Classes

Bemis offers *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.



Classes and open computer lab are held from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

◆ Mon., Jan. 6: Gmail Basics*

Learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google. We'll go over reading, sending, forwarding and replying to emails as well as attaching files and downloading attachments.

Registration required and class size is limited to 10 people.

Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Internet basics (knows how to navigate a web browser).

◆ One-on-One Tech Help*

30-minute sessions by appointment only
Jan. 8, 22 & 29: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.

Jan. 13 & 15: 9:30–11 a.m. *only*

Were you gifted a new device over the holidays? Do you need some assistance getting it set up or pointers for using it? Sign-up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get help with any of your tech-related questions. *Registration required.*

◆ Mon., Jan. 27: Fitness Apps for Health*

Do you need a little extra assistance sticking to your New Year's Resolutions? Join us in this health & fitness focused mobile apps class. We'll go over our favorite free apps for diet tracking, exercising and more. Apps will be for both Apple and Android devices. *Registration required and class size is limited to 10 people.*

Prerequisites: Smartphone

◆ 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.

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

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 Games @ Bemis!

2nd Thursday of every month, 5–8:30 p.m.

Jan. 9: Enjoy food, family, friends and fun with our big collection of board games or

bring your own to play. Families, adults and kids of all ages are welcome to drop in to play for a while, or stay for the whole evening. Pizza and snacks will be served. *No registration required. Open to all ages.*

◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

4th Thursday of every month, 5–7 p.m.

Jan. 23: Enjoy snacks and video games. Give us your feedback and suggestions to help make the library a better place. Active TAG members are invited to an exclusive Laser Tag event in the fall. *No registration required.*

Creative Writing Contest: Writing Workshop

Bring your creativity to this writing workshop on **Thursday January 2, 2–4 p.m.** Learn writing tools, get ideas and prepare to create your own short story, poem, or comic to submit in the Friends of the Library and Museum Creative Writing Contest. For participants in Grades 1–12. Snacks will be served. *No registration required.*

Winter Reading Ends Jan. 6

Don't miss your chance to win a prize. Submit your book reviews for the **Teen Winter Reading Program by January 6, 9 p.m.** when the program ends. Stop by the Teen Deck for more details.



Smash Bros. Tournament

Put your Smash Bros. skills to the test and see how you do against your friends on **Thursday, January 16, 5–7 p.m.** Gift cards to Game Stop are on the line in this elimination style tournament. Pizza will be served. *Registration is required. To register, call 303-795-3961.*



Children's Programs



Thunderbirds Show

The "Thunderbirds" are colorful and exotic parrots, and throughout this show on **Friday, January 3, 11 a.m.–noon**, you will learn about each one of them. Thrill to non-stop action as these beautiful birds perform exciting tricks to music and the cues of renowned animal trainer and performer, John Vincent. For families with children of all ages.



Ready, Set, BUILD! Lego Club

You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Lego bricks **Saturday, January 4, 3–4 p.m.** For children in Grades K–5. *Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Makedo Construction



Join us in building imaginative creations from repurposed, everyday cardboard **Monday, January 6, 1–2 p.m.** We'll provide a variety of boxes and the Makedo tools that are simple to use but allow us to build group projects beyond the simple cardboard creations of the past. For children in Grades K–5 and their caregivers.

Imagine a Reading Wonderland Winter Reading Program Ends Jan. 6



Be sure to complete and turn in your "Reading Wonderland" reading record by **Monday, January 6, 9 p.m.** Many thanks to our generous sponsors: Andy's Frozen Custard, Chick-fil-A of Aspen Grove and of course, the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

Drop-in Crafts

Stop by anytime **Saturday, January 18, 10:30–11:30 a.m.** and warm up while you work on a make and take wintry project. For children ages 5 and older. *No reservations needed.*



Ongoing Programs

Ongoing Programs begin the week of January 6.

- ◆ **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 January 9 and 10.

- ◆ **Paws to Read: For Kids in Grades K–5.** Saturday, January 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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Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ◆ **Musical Performance: Love Songs with Nick and Nancy**
Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Adult Winter Reading Program: *The Big Chill***—January 6–February 29
- ◆ **Essential Oils**
Thursday, February 6, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Change Your Life by Tidying Your Home with the KonMari Method***
Saturday, February 8, 10–11:30 a.m.
- ◆ **SPARK! Program for Memory Care***
Wednesday, January 8, 2–3:30 p.m.
- ◆ **Your Encore Life: Some Assembly Required**
Monday, February 10, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Movie Matinee: *Judy***
Saturday, February 22, 2–4 p.m.
- ◆ **Civil Rights Act with Active Minds**
Monday, February 24, 2 p.m.
- ◆ **Black History Live: Rosa Parks**
Friday, February 28, 2 p.m.

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

- Jan. Art Exhibits** Rita Derjue Art Show, January 2–30
- Wednesday, Jan. 1** **New Year's Day LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Thursday, Jan. 2** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 3** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Thunderbirds Show, For families with kids of all ages, 11 a.m.–noon
- Saturday, Jan. 4** *Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club, For grades K–5, 3–4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 6** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Gmail Basics, 9:30–11 a.m.
Makedo Construction, For kids in Grades K–5, 1–2 p.m.
Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 7** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
DIY Body Care for Every Body, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 8** 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, Jan. 9** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Board Games @ Bemis! For all ages, 5–8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 10** 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, Jan. 11** *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon
Musical Performance: Teresa Carroll Jazz Quartet, 2 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 13** 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. only
AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m.
Fly Cheap, Stay Cheap, Travel Cheap, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 15** 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
Wed. Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 16** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Teen Smash Bros. Tournament, 5–7 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 17** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
*Reel Life: Documentary Film Club, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 18** Drop-in Crafts, For kids of all ages, 10:30–11:30 a.m.
*Crafts at the Library: Clean Slate Crafts, 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 20** **Martin Luther King Jr. Day LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Jan. 21** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
*Beginner Genealogy Workshop, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 22** 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, Jan. 23** 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.
Teen Advisory Group, 5–7 p.m.
Books & Beer Book Group, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 24** 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, Jan. 25** Movie Matinee: *Where'd You Go Bernadette?* PG-13. 2–4 p.m.
- Monday, Jan. 27** All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
*Fitness Apps for Health, 9:30–11 a.m.
Ukraine with Active Minds, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28** Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 29** 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, Jan. 30** Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Jan. 31** Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m.
Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.

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