

Behind the Cover

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Bemis Adds Streaming Video Service

Bemis patrons can get free access to more than 30,000 films with their library card from the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy. Films include documentaries, independent films, foreign language films, Great Courses and Kanopy for Kids. Bemis card holders can sign up and instantly start streaming films from Kanopy by visiting bemis.kanopy.com. Every cardholder will receive 10 “watch credits” per month. Films can be streamed from any computer, smart television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku. Call or stop by the library if you have additional questions.



Musical Performance: Love Songs with Nick & Nancy

Enjoy a romantic Valentine’s themed musical performance **Saturday, February 1, 2 p.m.** featuring pianist Nick Busheff and vocalist Nancy Stohlman.



Winter Reading Program: *The Big Chill*

Chase the winter blues away by participating in our adult Winter Reading Program, *The Big Chill*. 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 one “bingo” per card entry for a chance to win. Program ends February 29.

Essential Oils

Essential oils are enjoyable, versatile and natural products with a multitude of uses beyond their scents alone. Discover the basics of how essential oils support health and learn how to build your own essential oil kit on **Thursday, February 6, 2 p.m.** Presented by Kelly Andis, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers.

Change Your Life by Tidying Your Home with the KonMari Method

Learn about the Marie Kondo system of simplifying and organizing your home **Saturday, February 8, 10–11:30 a.m.** from Kate Englebrect, a certified KonMari consultant. Kondo is the author of the popular organizing books *The Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* and *Spark Joy*. Please bring 5-7 items of clothing for a folding lesson. *Registration is required. Call 303-795-3961 to register.*



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Your Encore Life: Some Assembly Required

Longevity has provided a new life course option called “Encore Life”—a second harvest of creative potential in work, play, relationships and caring. Learn about tools necessary for building an encore life **Monday, February 10, 2 p.m.** from Lynette Reiling, Volunteer Recruitment Manager for Boomers Leading Change and a Certified Professional Coach.

SPARK! Arts Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss

SPARK! Arts is a free program offered by the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art (BMoCA) for people experiencing mild memory loss, early stage Alzheimer’s or a related dementia, and their family, friends, and guests. Denver artist Taiko Chandler will be the featured artist on **Wednesday, February 12, 2–3:30 p.m.** Participants will look at Taiko’s art and create a project inspired by her work using paint and Tyvek. *Registration is required for participant and caregiver. Please call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.*



Taiko Chandler sitting beneath her work, *Haptic Visions*.

Crafts at the Library: Lovely Letters

Join us for a different featured craft the third Saturday of each month. This month we will create an uplifting piece of hand-lettered art on **Saturday, February 15, 2-4 p.m.** to keep or give away using gorgeous “fake” calligraphy, perfect block letters and lovely italics. The library will provide supplies. These programs are for adults only. Space is limited. *Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*

Movie Matinee: *Judy*

See the movie *Judy* on **Saturday, February 22, 2-4 p.m.** Set in late 1968 and early 1969, *Judy* reveals the tumultuous life of Judy Garland after she successfully secured an engagement to play a season at London’s Talk of the Town nightclub. Starring Renee Zellweger. Enjoy popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13.



The Civil Rights Act with Active Minds

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a landmark piece of federal legislation that outlawed major forms of discrimination against minorities and women. Join Active Minds **Monday, February 24, 2 p.m.** as we examine the act over 50 years later and evaluate its impact on civil rights in the United States today.



Black History Live: Rosa Parks



National humanities and Chautauqua scholar Becky Stone will portray Rosa Parks **Friday, February 28, 2 p.m.** See how one woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, AL in 1955 started one of the most significant movements in American history, the Civil Rights Movement.

Book Groups at Bemis

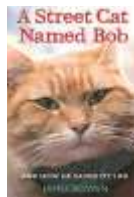
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and join us for some stimulating discussions.

Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Feb. 3: *A Street Cat Named Bob*
by James Bowen

The uplifting true story of an unlikely friendship between a man on the streets and the ginger cat that adopts him and helps him heal his life.

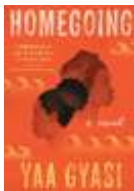


Wednesday Evening Book Group

Third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Feb. 19: *Homegoing*
by Yaa Gyasi

Half-sisters Effia and Esi are born into different villages in 18th century Ghana. Effia will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in Ghana. Esi will be captured, imprisoned, sold into slavery and shipped off to America. In a series of interconnected stories, the bloodlines of these two women are followed through seven generations covering the associated histories of the US and Ghana up to the turn of the 21st century.



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

Feb. 27: *The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared*
by Jonas Jonasson

Rather than celebrate his 100th birthday, Allan Karlsson decides to climb out his nursing home window in his slippers and embarks on a hilarious and entirely unexpected journey.



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

Feb. 27: *The Library Book*
by Susan Orlean

The Library Book chronicles the 1986 Los Angeles Public Library fire and its aftermath showcasing the crucial role that libraries play across our country and around the world.



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., Feb. 3: Introduction to Goodreads***

Do you keep forgetting the books you’ve read? Want to find new books you’ll love? Goodreads is a website you can use to do all of the above! We’ll create an account and start tracking books we’ve read in the past as we explore lists, genres and following authors. *Registration required.*

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

♦ **One-on-One Tech Help***

30-minute sessions by appointment only
Feb. 5, 12 & 26: 9:30-11 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.*
Feb. 19 & 24: 9:30-11 a.m. *only**

Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address. *Registration required.*

♦ **Mon., Feb. 10: Self-Publishing with PressBooks***

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).

♦ ***Wed., Feb. 19: Cutting the Cord, 6-7:30 p.m.**

Are you ready to quit cable TV? Join us at this lecture-style technology class to get an overview of the other options out there. We’ll go over items you can plug into your TV such as Roku and popular streaming services such as Netflix. *Registration required.*

Prerequisites: None.

♦ **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.

Feb. 13: 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.

Feb. 27: 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.*

Fan Club: Marvel

From the comic books to the cinematic universe, join us to celebrate all things Marvel on **Thursday, February 6, 5–7 p.m.**

Enjoy themed snacks (Groot-beer floats, Infinity Stone cookies and Spider-Man berries) and activities based on your favorite superheroes from The Avengers and beyond. Pizza and snacks will be served. *Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Zombie Prom

Party till you drop at the Zombie Prom on **Thursday, February 20, 5–7 p.m.** while we celebrate with hideous snacks, deadly dancing, hair raising activities and all around ghoulish fun! Race with your friends in the Prom Dress Shamble Relay, enjoy face painting, a Nerf gun shooting range and more. Pizza will be served. *Registration is required. To register, call the library at 303-795-3961.*



Children's Programs



Faux Stained "Glass" Heart Craft

Make unique and colorful hearts to use as decoration or give to someone special for Valentine's Day on **Saturday, February 8, 3–3:30 p.m.** For children of all ages.



Zumba for Kids

A rockin', high-energy dance party packed with kid-friendly routines led by certified Zumba Kids & Kids Jr. instructor and personal trainer Ari Rhoads on **Sunday, February 16, 3–4 p.m.** We break down steps, add games, activities and cultural exploration elements into the mix to help develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of children's lives. Perfect for ages 7–10, but younger and older kids will be welcomed.



Parent/Child Birding Class



Learn how to get started in this fun and easy hobby as a family on **Saturday, February 29, 3–4 p.m.** Taught by a naturalist from Carson Nature Center, you'll be able to put your new skills to use at parks, while camping or anywhere your family outdoor adventures take you. For families with children ages 4 and older.

A Magical Read Across America Presentation by Inspector Magic

Join us for a magic show on **Sunday, March 1, 3–3:45 p.m.** that tells the stories of Chris Gail's wonderfully illustrated book, *Dear Fish*. We'll have fun and be motivated to make proper choices to protect our clean water and other natural resources. For families with children of 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 February 6 and 7.

♦ Paws to Read: For Kids in Grades K–5.

Saturday, February 8, 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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TECH IT OUT TECH FAIR



Be sure to attend the Tech It Out! Technology Fair **Saturday, March 7, 12:30–4 p.m.** The library will showcase its coolest technologies. You can demo

Spheros, Ozobots and Bloxels on the lower level in the Art Gallery.

Try your hand at creating a pixel video game, learn how to digitize your older media, drive robots around the library and visit booths from local businesses such as Silicon STEM.



Upcoming Events

Enjoy these events coming to the library next month:

- ♦ **A Day in the Life of a Victorian Woman**
Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
- ♦ **Tech it Out! Technology Fair**
Saturday, March 7, 12:30–4 p.m.
- ♦ **SPARK! Arts***
Wednesday, March 11, 2–3:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Jeannette Rankin: America's Conscience**
Friday, March 13, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Music Concert: Close N' Counter**
Saturday, March 14, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Women of Denver History with Active Minds**
Monday, March 16, 2 p.m.
- ♦ **Crafts at the Library: Here Comes the Sun***
Saturday, March 21, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: Harriet**
Saturday, March 28, 2–4 p.m.
- ♦ **Colorado's Natural Resources: A Partnership with Red Rocks Community College**
Tuesday, March 31 6–7:30 p.m.

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

Feb. Art Exhibits	Barbara Schuster Art Show, February 1–28	Sunday, Feb. 16	Zumba for Kids, For children ages 7–10, 3–4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1	Musical Performance: Love Songs with Nick & Nancy, 2 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 17	President's Day LIBRARY CLOSED
Monday, Feb. 3	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Introduction to Goodreads, 9:30–11 a.m. Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 18	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 4	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 19	*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. only 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 *Cutting the Cord, 6–7:30 p.m. Wed. Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 5	*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.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	Thursday, Feb. 20	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. *Teen Zombie Prom, 5–7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 6	Open Computer Lab, 9:30–11 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. Essential Oils, 2 p.m. *Teen Fan Club: Marvel, 5–7 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 21	Senior Social Club with AWRC, 9:30–11:30 a.m. Story Box, 9:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Friday, Feb. 7	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, Feb. 22	Movie Matinee: <i>Judy</i> , PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 8	*Change Your Life by Tidying Your Home with the KonMari Method, 10–11:30 a.m. *Paws to Read, For grades K–5, 10 a.m.–noon Faux Stained “Glass” Heart Craft, For kids of all ages, 3–3:30 p.m.	Monday, Feb. 24	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 The Civil Rights Act with Active Minds, 2 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 10	All Together Now Story Time, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. *Self-Publishing with PressBooks, 9:30–11 a.m. AWRC Grab, Gab & Go, 1:30–2 p.m. Your Encore Life: Some Assembly Required, 2 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 25	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 11	Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 26	*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.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
Wednesday, Feb. 12	*One-on-One Tech Help, By Appointment: 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.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 *SPARK! Arts Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss, 2–3:30 p.m.	Thursday, Feb. 27	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.
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Saturday, Feb. 15	*Crafts at the Library: Lovely Letters 10:30–11:30 a.m.	Sunday, Mar. 1	A Magical Read Across America Presentation by Inspector Magic, For families with kids of all ages, 3–3:45 p.m.

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