



Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

A Dramatic Performance on The Life of Malcolm X

See a living history performance on the extraordinary life of Malcolm X, **Tuesday, February 4, 7–8 p.m.** Malcolm X will be portrayed by Charles Everett Pace, a historian and actor who has performed throughout the United States and in Europe. Malcolm X was a Black Muslim minister and national spokesman for the Nation of Islam. After rising from an early life of drug abuse and criminal behavior, he became a respected yet controversial political figure in the 1960s and a leading supporter for the cause of universal human rights. Malcolm's driving quest for knowledge, self-critique and conversion to Islam changed his life. Pace's visit to Colorado is sponsored by Colorado Humanities to commemorate Black History Month.



America's Vanishing Wild Horses

See stunning images and hear stories of horses in the wild, **Wednesday, February 12, 7–8:30 p.m.** with author and photographer Carol Walker. Seven years ago, Walker began photographing wild horses. As she followed several herds in Wyoming, Colorado and Montana, she became aware of how precarious their situation on public lands has become. Since then, she has dedicated herself to educating people with her photographs and stories about the wild horses. Walker's award-winning book *Wild Hoofbeats: America's Vanishing Wild Horses* will be available for purchase and signing at the program.



Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area. **Saturday, February 15, 2–3 p.m.:** *Love Potion #9—Classic Love Songs with a Twist* will feature pianist Nick Busheff and vocalist Nancy Stohlman performing favorite torch songs of the past along with original music from their band and theatrical productions.

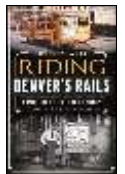
Saturday Movie Matinee: *Captain Phillips*

The true story of a kidnapped ship captain is the focus of *Captain Phillips*, playing on the library's big screen, **Saturday, February 22, 2–4 p.m.** The movie features Oscar winner Tom Hanks as Captain Richard Phillips, whose ship became the first American cargo ship in two hundred years to be hijacked. Somali pirates captured the ship and took the captain hostage. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. Rated PG-13.



Streetcars of Denver

Join local author and historian Kevin Pharris for an examination of the predecessor of today's Light Rail system, **Monday, February 24, 2–3 p.m.** When it was removed in 1950, Denver had one of the largest streetcar systems in the nation. With pictures and personal accounts from folks who remember riding the rails, Pharris will examine how the system began and grew, how it affected the city's growth, why it was removed and how its return is changing our lives. Pharris' book, *Riding Denver's Rails*, will be on sale at the event.



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Free Tax Help!

Bemis is providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. IRS-trained volunteers will be available on the lower level of the library **February 1 through April 12 on Thursday evenings from 5:30–8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m.–4 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.



AARP will provide tax preparation help, with trained volunteers, in the reference area of the library **February 3–April 8, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.–1:45 p.m.** Appointments are required for this assistance which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To make an appointment online for AARP tax assistance at the library, go to the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org or call 303-734-8200 and leave a message.

Created Equal Documentary Film

Bemis will host the *Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle Film Series* funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional support provided by the Colorado Humanities Council. See *The Abolitionists* on **Sunday, February 2, 2-5 p.m.** which brings to life the struggles of the men and women who led the battle to end slavery. Film length: 180 minutes.



Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle—Film Discussion Series

See historic film clips and join a discussion of America's civil rights struggles **beginning Wednesday, February 5 and continuing on Wednesday evenings March 5, April 2 and May 7, 7-8:30 p.m.** Littleton and Denver community members who participated in the Civil Rights movement will be present to share their experiences. Film clips from four documentaries, covering the history of the civil rights movement from the abolitionists to the freedom riders, will be shown. The four documentaries, discussion topics and special guests are:

- ♦ **Feb. 5 - *The Abolitionists*** with special guest **Charles Everett Pace**, a historian and one of the country's leading historical performers. Pace will focus on some of the successful strategies that Black leaders have used to overcome the obstacles of race in American society.
- ♦ **Mar. 5 - *Slavery by Another Name*** with special guest **Helen Kearney**, a quilt historian who conducts programs on the role quilts played in the everyday life of slaves during the Civil War era.
- ♦ **Apr. 2 - *The Loving Story*** with special guest **Chuck Fraser**, a Littleton doctor who, along with his wife and other community members, fought against housing discrimination in the 1960s and was active in local civil rights efforts.
- ♦ **May 7 - *Freedom Riders*** with special guest **Carlotta Walls LaNier**, who will share her experiences as one of the "Little Rock Nine" who in 1957 integrated Little Rock Central High School.

Bemis is one of two Colorado sites that will host the series, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with additional support provided by the Colorado Humanities Council, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.



Patricia L. Richard, Ph.D., Associate Professor of American History at Metropolitan State University of Denver will facilitate each discussion session.

Register for one or more of the discussion series online through the Library Main Calendar at www.littletongov.org 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 schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

♦ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Feb. 3: *Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*
by Rebecca Skloot



A fascinating story of medicine and family. Lacks, a poor African American tobacco farmer, had worked the same land as her slave ancestors. Lacks died from cancer at the age of 30 in 1951. A sample of her cancerous tissue turned out to provide a major discovery: human cells could survive, even thrive, in the lab. Known as HeLa cells, their stunning potency gave scientists a building block for countless breakthroughs, beginning with the cure for polio.

Mar. 3: *The Art Forger*
by Barbara Shapiro



On March 18, 1990, thirteen works of art worth today over \$500 million were stolen from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. It remains the largest unsolved art heist in history, and Claire Roth, a struggling young artist, is about to discover that there's more to this crime than meets the eye.

♦ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

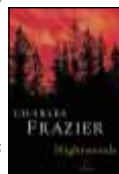
Feb. 24*: *Cellophane*
by Marie Arana



Don Victor Sobrevilla is an engineer and a dreamer who brings his wife and children into the Peruvian jungle to build a paper mill. When he discovers the formula for cellophane, his household is afflicted with a "plague of truth," a compulsion to confess their most shameful histories and most hidden yearnings, making them as transparent as the paper itself.

*We will meet on the fourth Monday in February due to President's day holiday.

Mar. 17: *Nightwoods: A Novel*
by Charles Frazier



A young woman, Luce, unexpectedly inherits her sister's troublesome, emotionally scarred, son and daughter. She has an epic battle of wits with her sister's abusive husband, Bud, whom she suspects is her sister Lily's killer. Her only ally in this difficult situation is the unassuming Stubblefield, who becomes both friend and guardian angel to Luce, her niece and her nephew.

Computer Services & Computer 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 5th grade and younger. Also, **wireless Internet access is available throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled devices.**



Our computers use Microsoft Windows 7 operating systems and Microsoft Office 2010 software that includes Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher. All of our PCs are linked to printers. Printing costs are \$0.10 a page for black only or \$0.50 a page for color. Our computer lab has 10 PCs and may be scheduled for group use. We are happy to assist patrons individually at any time if you need help using the computers or the Internet.

We also offer *free* computer and Internet classes on a regular basis. To learn about an upcoming class and/or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961. Register for one or more of our computer classes online through the Library Main Calendar www.littletongov.org or call the library at 303-795-3961.

All classes listed below are held from 9-10:30 a.m.

- ♦ **24/7 Library: Internet Resources for Book Lovers**
Sat., Mar. 15; Sat., Apr. 19
- ♦ **Beginning Access Parts 1 & 2, MS Office '10**
Tues., Feb. 18 (Part 1) &
Wed., Feb. 19 (Part 2)
- ♦ **Beginning Android**
Tues., Mar. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Feb. 11; Tues., Mar. 18; Tues., Apr. 22
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Feb. 12; Wed., Mar. 19; Wed., Apr. 23
- ♦ **Computer Basics—Mousing and More!**
Sat., Mar. 1
- ♦ **Craigslist 101**
Wed., Feb. 26
- ♦ **Email: Attaching Files**
Wed., Mar. 5
- ♦ **Email: Managing Your Inbox**
Wed., Apr. 9
- ♦ **Beginning iPad**
Tues., Apr. 1
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint, MS Office '10**
Tues., Apr. 8
- ♦ **Protecting Your Computer**
Wed., Mar. 26
- ♦ **Saving and Finding Files**
Sat., Feb. 15; Wed., Apr. 2
- ♦ **Teach Yourself - Computer Self Study**
Tues., Feb. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Windows 7**
Sat., Feb. 1; Tues., Mar. 4; Sat., Apr. 5
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2010**
Tues., Feb. 4; Tues., Mar. 11; Tues., Apr. 15
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2010**
Wed., Feb. 5; Wed., Mar. 12; Wed., Apr. 16
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - 9-10:30 a.m.**
Every Thursday. No registration required. One-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



For more information, call teen librarian Mark Decker at the library, 303-795-3961, or check the Bemis teen blog site online at bemisteens.blogspot.com. Join other teens for the following activities:

♦ **Teen Movie Club**

First Saturday of the month @ noon

Participants will be selecting titles for future meetings. Check the monthly newsletter or contact Mark at mdecker@littletongov.org for details. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.

Feb. 1: *The Wolverine*—PG-13

Mar. 1: *Ender's Game*—PG-13

Apr. 5: *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire*—PG-13



♦ **Gaming**

Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy popular interactive video games on Wii, Xbox, Kinect, and PS3 featuring different games each month!

Feb. 20/Mar. 20/Apr. 17

♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**

Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 28: Teen Tech Week preview of cool new technology

Mar. 28: Summer Reading planning

Apr. 25: Summer Reading preparation

February Teen Events

♦ **“Spark a Reaction” Teen Photography Contest**

Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme “Spark a Reaction” by **Monday, March 17**. The winning teens from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will win a \$25 gift certificate to a store of their choice, and will be published on a library bookmark to be given out for the teen summer reading program. The winning photos also will be featured as posters in the new teen area during the Teen Summer Reading Program. For more information, or to submit your photo, contact Mark, the teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or mdecker@littletongov.org.

♦ **Tricky Tuesdays**

Looking for something quick, fun, and free to do? Stop by the Teen Deck on **Tuesday afternoons in February, 2:30–4:30 p.m.**, for a *Tricky Tuesday* challenge. Learn some cool optical illusions, how to make a fork float, a magic trick or two, and how to resurrect a dead chicken (ok, it's really a towel pretending to be a dead chicken, but “resurrect a towel” doesn't sound too exciting). You'll be amazing your friends and family with your new skills in no time!

Children's Programs



Ready, Set, BUILD! – New Lego Club

Legos are one of the most popular toys of all time. These colorful, challenging and creative building blocks, invented in Denmark, are loved by children of all ages. We are starting a **Lego Club** for children in grades K-5. The Lego Club **will meet on the first Saturday of each month from 2–3 p.m.** Don't miss our first meeting on **Saturday, February 1, 2–3 p.m.** Legos will be provided, so please do NOT bring any blocks from home unless you want to donate them. *Registration is required.* Come in or call 303-795-3961 to reserve your space in our very first session.



Valentine Fun

Get ready for Valentine's Day with an hour of crafts, games and sweet treats on **Saturday, February 8, 2–3 p.m.** for kids in grades 1–5. You will **LOVE** it. *Reservations required.* Come in or call 303-795-3961 to reserve a spot.



A Seuss-tacular Show

Get a head start on celebrating Read Across America Day and the birthday of Dr. Seuss on **Sunday, February 23, 3–3:45 p.m.** Join the fun as Denise Gard transforms herself into Gertrude McFuzz, a girl-bird who only has one puny tail feather instead of two. Gard will perform several other Dr. Seuss tales including *Horton Hatches the Egg*. This program is for all ages.



Ongoing Weekly Programs

♦ **Story Box: Ages infant–36 months**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.

A 30-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of rhythm, rhyme and reading. *Space is limited; free tickets are available one week in advance.*

♦ **Story Time: Ages 3 and older**

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Thirty minutes of stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.



♦ **Paws to Read: For grades K–5**

Saturday, February 8, 10 a.m.–noon

Kids in grades K–5 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.

♦ **Bemis Library Dial-a-Story: For all ages**

Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.

♦ **Register for Email Notification:**

Receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit bemis.ent.sirsi.net, click on *Sign up for Email Notification of Library Events*. Or, fill out a paper form at any Information Desk the next time you visit the library.





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HOURS: M–Th 9–9; F–Sa 9–5; Su 1–5

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Learn a Foreign Language!

Bemis has a new subscription to **Rocket Languages**, an award-winning online site that will let you learn a language at your own pace. Lessons also can be downloaded to mobile devices. Each language learning program includes over 60 hours of interactive instruction, grammar exercises and self testing. Languages covered include Spanish, French, German, Chinese, Arabic, Italian, Hindi, Japanese, and others. To access Rocket Languages, go to the library's online catalog at bemis.ent.sirsi.net and click on "Library Databases and Recommended Websites." You will find Rocket Languages under the "Education" section.



OverDrive Enhanced for Bemis Patrons

The OverDrive website, which provides access to eBooks and audio books online, has been improved for Bemis Library patrons. Additional copies of selected bestselling titles are now available solely for Bemis cardholders. Sign in with your library card at the OverDrive website, <http://coloradoc.lib.overdrive.com>, and you will see additional copies for some bestsellers which you may check out or place on hold. In addition, the library is now providing Front Line Tech Support for OverDrive. If you are having technical difficulties using OverDrive, you can contact them directly via email for assistance. A link for assistance is available on OverDrive's "Help" page and on bemis.ent.sirsi.net.



Schedule of Library Events

- February** Littleton Public Schools Elementary
Art Exhibit Art Show, Feb. 1–28
- Saturday, Feb. 1** *Beginning Windows 7, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *The Wolverine*, PG-13, Noon
*Lego Club, For kids in grades K-5, 2–3 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 2** *Created Equal* Documentary Film: *The Abolitionists*, 2–5 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 3** Senior Book Club, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 4** *Beginning Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tricky Tuesdays, Teen Program, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
A Dramatic Performance on the Life of Malcolm X, 7–8 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 5** *Intermediate Word, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
**Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle*—Film Discussion Series, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 6** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05–1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
- Friday, Feb. 7** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 8** *Paws to Read, 10 a.m.–noon, Grades K-5
*Valentine Fun, For kids in grades 1-5, 2–3 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11** *Beginning Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tricky Tuesdays, Teen Program, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12** *Intermediate Excel, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
America's Vanishing Wild Horses, 7–8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 13** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 14** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 15** *Saving and Finding Files, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Musical Moments at Sophie's Place - Love Potion #9, 2–3 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 17** President's Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Feb. 18** *Beginning Access, Part 1, MS Office '10, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tricky Tuesdays, Teen Program, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 19** *Beginning Access, Part 2, MS Office Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 20** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
International Conversation Circle, 12:05–1:30 p.m. in Sophie's Place
Senior Wii Bowling, 2–3 p.m.
Teen Gaming, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 21** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 22** Saturday Movie Matinee: *Captain Phillips*, Rated PG-13, 2–4 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 23** A Seuss-tacular Show, For All Ages, 3–3:45 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 24** Streetcars of Denver, 2–3 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 25** *Teach Yourself - Computer Self Study, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Tricky Tuesdays, Teen Program, 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 26** *Craigslist 101, Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 27** Open Computer Lab, 9–10:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 28** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Mar. 1** *Computer Basics - Mousing & More! Space Available, 9–10:30 a.m.
Teen Movie Club, *Ender's Game*, PG-13, Noon

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