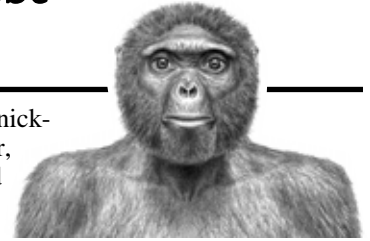




Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Recreating Ardi, Our Oldest Human Ancestor



The revolutionary discovery and re-creation of *Ardipithecus*, nicknamed “Ardi”, the oldest fossil skeleton of a human ancestor, will be the focus of a presentation by computer graphics artist Ed Kramer, **Tuesday, February 9, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Kramer recently finished a major project for the Discovery Channel, doing the computer graphics work on the groundbreaking show, *Discovering Ardi*. Working with the world’s foremost authorities on anthropology and paleontology, Kramer’s task was to illustrate, in today’s computer-generated imagery, what the 4.4 million-year-old Ardi looked like as she moved through her ancient forest habitat in Africa. Kramer will talk about his experiences working on a top-secret project of this magnitude and scientific importance, sharing the highlights and problems in recreating a creature that no living being has ever seen and has not walked the earth for millions of years. He has been a computer graphics artist for 30 years and spent 12 years at George Lucas’ company, Industrial Light & Magic, working his visual effects wizardry on blockbusters such as *Star Wars*, *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and many other films.

Musical Moments at Sophie’s Place

Enjoy an espresso or delicious pastry while listening to music in Sophie’s Place. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

Saturday, February 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Hawaiian Love Songs with Keoni Coelho; authentic music and songs from Hawaii performed by a native Hawaiian.



Keoni Coelho

Saturday Movie Matinee: *Amelia*

Academy Award winner Hillary Swank stars in *Amelia*, an epic film adventure that will be shown on the library’s big screen, **Saturday, February 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** *Amelia* tells the inspiring story of the legendary American aviator, Amelia Earhart. Richard Gere co-stars as Amelia’s charismatic business partner and husband, George Putnam, and Ewan McGregor plays her lover, Gene Vidal. The film has been praised for its beautiful cinematography and period costumes. 2010 celebrates the 75th anniversary of Earhart’s historic flight from Honolulu to California. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided at the film showing. Rated PG.



Online Shopping: Find the Best Deals!

Learn about the best websites for finding shopping bargains on **Monday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.** Comparing products, looking for resale items on Craigslist, and making safe payments online also will be covered. Presenter, Judy Armstrong, owns and operates Computer Learning for Seniors.

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One-Pot Cooking

Local author Elizabeth Yarnell will give a cooking demonstration and discuss the latest edition of her book, *Glorious One-Pot Meals*, **Tuesday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** Anyone with too many tasks and not enough time can use her technique to get dinner on the table in an hour or less—with just one pot to clean. All it takes is a Dutch oven and a few basic fresh or frozen ingredients. Yarnell’s innovative and patented method consists of cooking all the components of a meal layered in a Dutch oven. The result is not a stew or casserole, but a meal with separate vegetables, meat and other ingredients. The cooking technique developed by Yarnell has won several national awards. Copies of *Glorious One Pot Meals* will be available for purchase and signing.



Free Tax Preparation Help!

Beginning this month, Bemis will be providing free tax return preparation for taxpayers who cannot afford professional assistance. **IRS trained volunteers will be available in the study rooms on the lower level of the library from February 3 through April 10 on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from Noon-4:00 p.m.** No pre-registration is required to receive assistance.



The **AARP will provide tax preparation help on the upper level of the library from February 8-April 13, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:15 a.m.-1:45 p.m.** Pre-registration is required for this assistance, which is provided for low and middle-income seniors aged 60 and over. To register for AARP tax assistance at the library, please call the senior volunteer at the Buck Recreation Center, 303-730-4605.

Earned Income Tax Credit - Extra Money from the IRS!

What would you do with up to \$5600 of extra money back from the IRS? The Earned Income Tax Credit is a tax benefit for all working families who earn low or moderate incomes and meet certain eligibility requirements. Single or married, with or without children, you may qualify if you worked part or all of 2009, file a 2009 tax return and make less than \$49,000. Copies of the Earned Income Credit (Schedule EIC) form, instruction booklets and many other tax forms are available at the Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., or on the Internet at <http://www.irs.gov/>.

Book Groups at Bemis

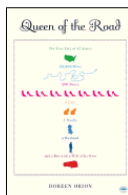
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

◆ Senior Book Club

First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

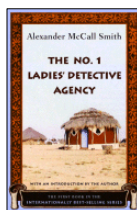
Feb 1: *Queen of the Road* by Doreen Orion

A pampered Long Island princess hits the road in a converted bus with her wilderness-loving husband, travels the country for one year, and brings it all hilariously to life in this offbeat and romantic memoir.



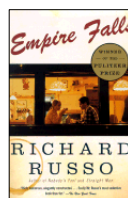
Mar. 1: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

Working in Gaborone, Botswana, Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week.



Apr. 5: *Empire Falls*

by Richard Russo
Milo Roby tries to hold his family together while working at the Empire Grill in the once-successful logging town of Empire Falls, Maine, with his partner, Mrs. Whiting, who is the heir to a faded logging and textile legacy.

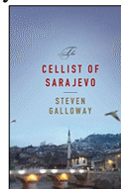


◆ Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Feb. 22*: *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway

After a mortar attack kills 22 people waiting in line to buy bread, an unnamed cellist vows to play at the point of impact for 22 days. The story follows four people, including the cellist, trying to survive war-torn Sarajevo.



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

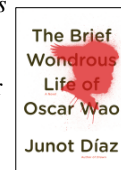
Mar. 15: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

An Australian rare-book expert, Hanna Heath, is given the job of conserving a rare Hebrew manuscript. She discovers in its binding a series of tiny artifacts that begin to unlock the manuscript's deep mysteries and unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics.



Apr. 19: *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz

Living with an old-world mother and a rebellious sister, an urban New Jersey misfit dreams of becoming the next Tolkien and believes that a family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness.



Computer Services & Computer Classes

Bemis has 22 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 in Sophie's Place for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.



Our computers use Microsoft operating systems and 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 \$0.25 a page for color. Our computer lab has 12 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 or register for an upcoming class and/or group use of our computer lab, call the library at 303-795-3961 or stop by the Information Desk.

All classes and open computer lab are held from 9-10:30 a.m. Currently space is available in the following classes:

- ◆ **Beginning Access**
Tues., Mar. 30; Tues., Apr. 20
- ◆ **Beginning Excel**
Tues., Mar. 16; Tues., Apr. 13
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel**
Wed., Feb. 17; Tues., Mar. 23; Wed., Apr. 21
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Feb. 20; Sat., Mar. 20; Sat., Apr. 17
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint**
Wed., Mar. 24; Tues., Apr. 27
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher**
Tues., Feb. 23
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Feb. 2; Tues., Mar. 2; Tues., Apr. 6
- ◆ **Beginning Word**
Tues., Feb. 9; Tues., Mar. 9
- ◆ **Intermediate Word**
Tues., Feb. 16; Wed., Mar. 17; Wed., Apr. 14
- ◆ **Buying Your First Digital Camera**
Fri., Feb. 26
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**
Sat., Feb. 6; Sat., Mar. 6; Sat., Apr. 3
- ◆ **Email Lab**
Wed., Feb. 3
- ◆ **Getting Digital Photos Out of Your Camera**
Fri., Mar. 26
- ◆ **Introduction to Digital Photography**
Fri., Feb. 12
- ◆ **Online Bridge**
Wed., Feb. 24
- ◆ **Self-Publishing Lab**
Wed., Mar. 10
- ◆ **Using the Internet to Self-Publish**
Wed., Mar. 3
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



Children's Programs



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

- ◆ **Anime Club**
First Sat. of the month @ noon
Feb. 6: *Baki the Grappler*
Mar. 6: Title will be selected at Feb mtg.
Apr. 3: Title will be selected at Mar. mtg.
- ◆ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20
All teen creative writers are welcome! Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.
Special event! In honor of National Poetry Month, we'll be focusing on poetry at the April 20th meeting. Bring your poetry to share and receive feedback.
- ◆ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**
Play a different video game each month!
Feb. 18: Carnival Games
Mar. 18: Avatar
Apr. 15: Wii Sports Resort
- ◆ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 26: Summer Reading Planning
Mar. 26: Summer Reading Planning
Apr. 23: Open Agenda

Special Teen Events

Coming in March:

- ◆ **Teen Tech Week:**
Learn Create Share
March 7 – March 13
The library has much more to offer than just books! Teen Tech Week offers teens the chance to learn about other library services. Check the Bemis teen blog at <http://bemisteen.blogspot.com/> for details and activities plus learn how you can win prizes during Teen Tech Week. Contact Mark with questions at mdecker@littletongov.org.
- ◆ **Make Waves @ Your Library - Teen Photography Contest**
Submit your best original photo that expresses the theme *Make Waves @ Your Library* by **Monday, March 15**. Make sure to include the name of your photograph with your submission. The winning photos from two age groups, middle school/junior high and high school, will be published on a library bookmark for the teen summer reading program. For more details, or to submit your photo, call Mark, teen librarian, at 303-795-3961 or email him at mdecker@littletongov.org.



Magician and Puppeteer Show

Laugh and learn with magician, ventriloquist, and puppeteer, James Loshbaugh on **Sunday, February 7, 2:00 p.m.** This family-friendly show is ideal for ages 3 and up and includes a fun-filled magic show, an endangered species puppet segment and a marionette show, all emphasizing the excitement of reading!



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!



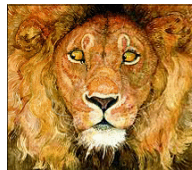
Join us on **Sunday, February 28, 2:00 p.m.** as entertainer Bill Anderson weaves magic, music, drama, storytelling and funny puppetry into a show like no other to help us celebrate the 106th birthday of Dr. Seuss. Snacks and surprises also await, so be sure to register and don't be late! Please call 303-795-3961 to register children ages 3 and up with their caregivers.

And the Winners Are ...

The **2010 Newbery Medal**, which honors the author with the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, was awarded to *When You Reach Me* by Rebecca Stead. In the book, twelve-year-old Miranda encounters shifting friendships, a sudden punch, a strange homeless man and mysterious notes that hint at knowledge of the future. These and other seemingly random events converge in a brilliantly constructed plot.



The **2010 Caldecott Medal**, which honors the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children, was awarded to *The Lion & the Mouse*, illustrated and written by Jerry Pinkney. The screech of an owl, the squeak of a mouse and the roar of a lion transport readers to the Serengeti plains for this virtually wordless retelling of Aesop's classic fable. In glowing colors, Pinkney's textured watercolor illustrations masterfully portray the relationship between two unlikely friends.



We Have Video Games... Including Wii!

Bemis now owns approximately 75 video games for kids including Wii, Nintendo DS and PlayStation 3. One game per library card may be checked out for one week.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

- ◆ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**
Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
A thirty-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.*
- ◆ **Preschool Story Time: Ages 3-kindergarten**
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. or 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 readers in grades 1-5, Third Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon**
Saturday, February 20
Kids in grades 1- 5 are able to practice reading with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a twenty-minute spot. Presented by R.E.A.D. Reading Education Assistance Dogs & Denver Pet Partners.
- ◆ **Bemis Library Dial-a-Story:** Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960. Enjoy a new story or an old favorite.



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If you are disabled and seeking an accommodation to participate in a Library program, please notify the Library one week in advance in writing or call 303-795-3961 or TDD 303-795-3913.

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Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Offers Immigrant Services & Volunteer Opportunities

The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) at Bemis offers immigrants three important services. First, our **One-Stop Center** is where immigrants can find information on a wide range of services like healthcare, housing and employment. Second, our **Citizenship Mentoring Program** gives immigrant students the opportunity to work alongside citizen volunteers to study for the naturalization test. Third, our **Language Partners Program** offers immigrants the chance to study and practice the English language with a volunteer.

The LIRC is sponsoring a **Language Partners Workshop on Saturday, February 6, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** The workshop will include lessons and advice for volunteers on the most effective teaching methods for one-on-one mentoring with immigrants or other ESL individuals. Call 303-795-3968 to register for the workshop.

The efforts of the LIRC and dozens of local volunteers have helped hundreds of immigrants achieve a sense of belonging in the U.S. and here in Littleton. With the continued help and support of dedicated volunteers, the LIRC can help many more immigrants build happy and productive lives in our community.

If you would like information about services offered by the LIRC or would like to volunteer as a Citizenship Mentor or Language Partner, call Alejandra Harguth or Jimmie Braley at the LIRC at Bemis, 303-795-3968.



Schedule of Library Events

- Feb. Art Exhibit** Littleton Public Schools Secondary School Art Show: Feb. 1-25
- Monday, Feb. 1** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 2** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 3** *Email Lab, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 4** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 5** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 6** *Computer Comfort, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Language Partners Workshop, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Teen Anime Club, Noon
- Sunday, Feb. 7** Magician & Puppeteer Show, For Ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 8** Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9** *Beginning Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Recreating Ardi, Our Oldest Human Ancestor, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 10** *Beginning Excel, Class Full, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 11** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 12** *Introduction to Digital Photography, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 13** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place: Hawaiian Love Songs with Keoni Coelho, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 15** President's Day Holiday
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Tuesday, Feb. 16** *Intermediate Word, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 16** *Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 17** *Intermediate Excel, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 18** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling League, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 19** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 20** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
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Free Medical Services Van, Bemis Parking Lot, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23** *Beginning Publisher, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
One-Pot Cooking, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24** *Online Bridge, Space Available 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 & 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 25** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 26** *Buying Your First Digital Camera, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 p.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Teen Advisory Group, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 27** *Windows File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Free Film Event - *Capitalism: A Love Story*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 28** *Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss! For Ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.
- *These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.