

# Behind the Cover

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## Bemis Library Director Announces Retirement

Bemis Library Director Margery Smith announced she will retire from the City of Littleton effective Dec. 15 following 40 years of service. Library Adult Services Supervisor Phyllis Larison will serve as acting director until a process is determined for selecting Smith's permanent replacement.



Smith recently celebrated 40 years with Littleton.

Smith began working for the city in August, 1970 as a part-time cataloger. She worked her way up to supervisor of technical services and became the library director in 1996.

Among her many accomplishments, Smith oversaw major improvements to Littleton's only library. In 1998, a multi-phase renovation of the facility began that included the addition of 1,500 square-feet. Smith has been a strong supporter of the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center and for reading materials for the visually impaired. Following Hurricane Katrina, Smith took a four-month leave of absence to help New Orleans libraries get back in business, and made two other trips to assist in feline rescue efforts.

City Manager Jim Woods said, "It is impossible to describe the magnitude of Margery's contributions to literacy, culture, and community. We owe her a debt of gratitude for all that she has done to make Littleton a better place. Her shoes will be hard to fill," he added.

## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Enjoy music in Sophie's Place at the library. Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Saturday, December 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Holiday Music with Perpetual Motion will feature traditional seasonal favorites and original pieces performed on violin and guitar by the musical group Perpetual Motion.

## The Joy of Christmas, Past and Present

Celebrate the season on **Saturday, December 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.**, with the Joe Peterson Rhythm Trio, the JPO Andrews Singers and special emcee, David Hixon. The program will feature Christmas favorites, sacred and secular, including White Christmas, Mary's Boy Child, Christmas Waltz, Silent Night and more. Based in Littleton, the Joe Peterson Dance Orchestra has performed over 20 years within and outside of the Denver metro area. Adding to the success and popularity of this band are the JPO Andrews Singers who perform many favorite tunes made famous by the Andrews Sisters, McGuire Sisters and other performers of that era. David Hixon is a retired radio announcer who did broadcasts for Denver's KEZW, KLZ and KOSI radio stations

## Family Film Event: *Despicable Me*

Bring the family to see the animated comedy, *Despicable Me*, on the library's big screen, **Monday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** A criminal mastermind (voiced by Steve Carell) uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme to steal the moon, but he finds himself profoundly changed by his growing love for them. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



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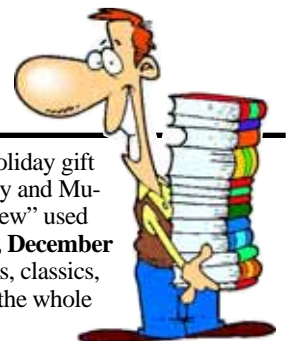
## Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, is sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program **through Friday, December 24**. Simply bring in a non-perishable food item and have a late book fine removed from your Bemis library record. This offer does not apply to lost books. Inter-Faith Community Services helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County as well as unincorporated areas of Arapahoe County.



## Buy a Gift Book at the Library!

Looking for that unique book for a holiday gift this year? The Friends of the Library and Museum is offering a special sale of "like new" used books at low prices **through Thursday, December 23** at the library. Choose from bestsellers, classics, cookbooks and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!



# Immigrant Resources Center Needs Volunteers

Littleton Immigrant Resources Center is looking for volunteers. Citizenship applicants have increased and our ESL-based Language Partners program is still gathering students, so demand is high. If you have an interest in working with people from different cultures, helping them study to become U.S. Citizens, or assisting them in learning English, we would love for you to join us! Please contact Alejandra Harguth at the library at 303-795-3968 or [aharguth@littletongov.org](mailto:aharguth@littletongov.org) for more information.



## Check Out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitor

Check out a Kill A Watt™ Electricity Usage Monitor to determine how much electricity your appliances are using. Simply plug the Kill A Watt monitor into a wall outlet. Then, plug the appliance into the monitor to get electricity consumption by the kilowatt hour for that appliance. Also, you can check the quality of your power by monitoring voltage, line frequency and power factor. The Kill A Watt monitors check out for one week and are available at the Circulation Desk.



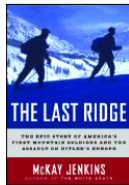
## Book Groups at Bemis

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

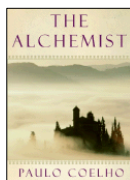
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Dec. 6: *The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division & the Assault on Hitler's Europe* by McKay Jenkins



A gripping account of the group of soldiers who trained in the Colorado Rockies before facing combat in the mountains of Italy near the end of World War II.

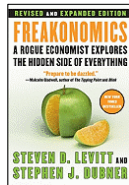
Jan. 10: \**The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho



An Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist. What starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasures found within.

\*We will meet on the second Monday in January due to the holidays.

Feb. 7: *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* by Stephen Levitt



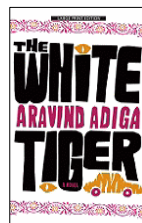
Levitt is not a typical economist. He studies the stuff and riddles of everyday life, from cheating and crime to sports and child rearing. His conclusions regularly turn the conventional wisdom on its head.

### Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Dec. 6\*: \*We will meet at 6:00 p.m. the first Monday in December. No book is scheduled for discussion; instead, we will meet for dinner and a book planning session for 2011. Contact librarian and group facilitator Pam Child for additional information at 303-795-3961.

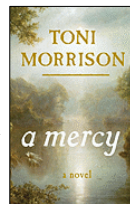
Jan. 24\*: *White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga



A memorable story that depicts the social and economic inequalities of contemporary India. The main character, Balram Halwai, recounts his transformation from an honest, hardworking boy to a murderer.

\*We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

Feb. 28\*: *A Mercy* by Toni Morrison



Set at the close of the 17th century and told through the perspective of several women, this thought-provoking book looks at various forms of slavery in America.

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

## 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 now available throughout the building for patrons with wireless-enabled laptops.



Currently, our computers use Microsoft XP operating systems and Microsoft Office 2003 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 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. except where noted.

Currently space is available in these classes:

- ♦ **Beginning Access Parts 1 & 2\***  
**MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Jan. 18 & Wed., Jan. 19  
\*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Dec. 8; Tues., Jan. 11; Tues., Feb. 15
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Dec. 15; Wed., Jan. 12; Wed., Feb. 16
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Dec. 18; Wed., Jan. 26; Wed., Feb. 2
- ♦ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Jan. 25
- ♦ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Feb. 22
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Wed., Dec. 1, Tues., Jan. 4; Tues., Feb. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Dec. 7; Wed., Jan. 5; Tues., Feb. 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Dec. 14; Wed., Feb. 9
- ♦ **Computer Comfort**  
Sat., Jan. 15; Sat., Feb. 5
- ♦ **Craigslist**  
Fri., Jan. 21
- ♦ **Introduction to Digital Photography**  
Fri., Feb. 11
- ♦ **iPad and Kindle**  
Wed., Feb. 23
- ♦ **Shopping on the Internet**  
Fri., Feb. 25
- ♦ **Skype & VoIP Options**  
Fri., Jan. 7
- ♦ **Windows XP File Management**  
Sat., Feb. 19
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.

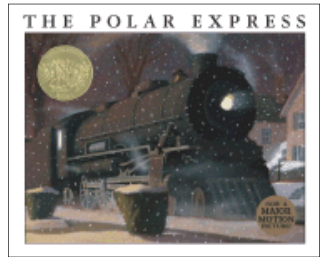


## All Aboard for *The Polar Express*

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**  
**Dec. 4:** *Slayers Revolution*  
**Jan. 8\*:** Title will be selected at Dec. mtg.  
**Feb. 5:** Title will be selected at Jan. mtg.  
*\*We will meet on the second Saturday in January due to the New Year's Day holiday.*
- ♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**  
 Play a different video game each month!  
**Dec. 16:** *Wii Sports*  
**Jan. 20:** *Super Smash Bros Brawl*  
**Feb. 17:** *Carnival Games*
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**  
**Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.**  
**No meeting in December.**  
**Jan. 28:** Open Agenda  
**Feb. 25:** Summer Reading Planning

Join us for our annual celebration: a reading of *The Polar Express* accompanied by cookies, cocoa and a wintry ride aboard an imaginary train. Tasty treats and a special visitor await! The train departs on **Saturday, December 11 with identical performances at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** This program is for families with children ages 3 and up. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras to capture photos with our special guest. Space is limited. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register.



## "Noon" Year's Eve Party



Join us for our annual family celebration to mark the start of a new year on **Thursday, December 30 at 11:00 a.m.** Bryce Jackman, as Starkey the Pirate, will be here as our very own "DJ". Join us for stories, dancing, treats and the dropping of the New Year's Eve Ball. Get ready for the countdown to 2011! This program is for families with children ages 3 and up. Please call 303-795-3961 for reservations beginning December 13.

## Special Teen Event



Don't miss *Despicable Me*, shown on the library's big screen on **Monday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** A criminal mastermind (voiced by Steve Carell) uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme to steal the moon, but he finds himself profoundly changed by his growing love for them. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.

## Upcoming Teen Event

**Book It!**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2:00-4:00p.m.**  
 Handmade books are all the rage. Join us to learn how to create a cool book by hand! Great for diaries, journals, or just for fun, these books also make fantastic gifts. Bring in a favorite photograph and we'll help you copy and recolor it to use for the cover of your book. All materials will be provided. Space is limited! Register for this program by calling the library at 303-795-3961, or by emailing Mark, the teen librarian, at [mdecker@littletongov.org](mailto:mdecker@littletongov.org).

## Caldecott Medal Nominees on Display

Each January, the Caldecott Medal is awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children published in the United States during the preceding year. To be eligible, the artist must be a citizen or resident of the U.S. Beginning in January, stop by the Children's Room to see a display of books eligible for the prestigious 2011 Caldecott Medal.



## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

**Weekly Programs end on December 17 and resume on January 4.**



- ♦ **Story Box: Ages infant-36 months**  
**Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.**  
**Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m.**  
 A thirty-minute session for children and a caring adult to introduce the joy of 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.**  
**Also on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.**  
 A thirty-minute independent session with stories, songs, and activities with a puppet show the first week of the month.
- ♦ **Paws to Read: For grades 1-5**  
**Third Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.-noon.**  
**Saturday, Dec. 18** Readers in grades 1-5 can read with a furry friend. Please call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by the American Humane Association.



- ♦ **Register for Email Notification:**  
 Receive our monthly newsletter via email and choose to be notified of special programs. Here's how: visit <http://bemis.sirsi.net/>. Under *Library Info* click on *More information* and then click on *Subscribe Bemis News Email*. Or, fill out a paper form at any Information Desk the next time you visit the library.
- ♦ **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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**LIBRARY HOURS:** M-Th 9-9; F-Sa 9-5; Su 1-5

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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## ESL Classes @ Bemis

Learn English at the library! The spring session of ESL classes will begin on January 4. **Beginning English classes are held in the library's classroom from 9:00-10:30 a.m., Monday-Thursday, and 5:30-6:50 p.m., Monday-Tuesday. Intermediate English classes are scheduled from 10:30 a.m.-Noon, Monday-Thursday, and 7:00-8:30 p.m., Monday-Tuesday.** These classes are open to teens age sixteen and over and adults who want to learn English or improve their English. There is a registration fee of \$30.00 each semester for adults 21 and older and no charge for individuals under the age of 21. Register for the classes with an instructor anytime during the year. The ESL classes are held in conjunction with Littleton School District Six and an instructor is provided by the District. For more information call Alejandra Harguth or Dawn Munson, ESL instructor, at the library, 303-795-3961.

## Upcoming Events

- Mark your calendars now for these library events coming next month:
- ♦ **Story of the Racehorse Secretariat**  
 Tuesday, January 11, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
  - ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Jeff Wittig & Friends**  
 Saturday, January 15, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
  - ♦ **Shared Joys and Sorrows: Islam, Christianity and Judaism**  
 Sunday, January 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
  - ♦ **Polly Pry, First Female Reporter at the Denver Post**  
 Monday, January 24, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
  - ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: The Social Network**  
 Saturday, January 29, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Dec. Art Exhibit** Englewood Camera Club Photography Show
- Wednesday, Dec. 1** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 2** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 3** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 4** Teen Anime Club, Noon  
 Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Holiday Music provided by Perpetual Motion, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 6** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.  
 Monday Evening Book Group, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 7** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 8** \*Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 9** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 10** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 11** \*All Aboard for *The Polar Express*, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 14** \*Intermediate Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 15** \*Intermediate Excel, MS Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 16** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 16** Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.  
 Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 17** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 18** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon  
 Joy of Christmas, Past & Present with the Joe Peterson Rhythm Trio & JPO Andrews Singers, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 23** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 24** Christmas Eve  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Saturday, Dec. 25** Christmas Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Monday, Dec. 27** Family Film Event: *Despicable Me*, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 30** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*"Noon" Year's Eve Party, 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 31** New Year's Eve  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Saturday, Jan 1** New Year's Day  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Tuesday, Jan. 4** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 5** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 6** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 7** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
 Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
 Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.

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

*Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.*