



City of Littleton
Behind the Cover
The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

Movie Matinee: *How to Train Your Dragon*

See the popular animated film, *How to Train Your Dragon*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, November 6, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** This action-comedy tells the story of Hiccup, a Viking teenager who doesn't fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers. Hiccup's world is turned upside down when he encounters a dragon that challenges him to view dragons from an entirely different perspective. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG.



Visit Hogwarts at Bemis

Spend an evening at the Hogwarts School, on **Friday, November 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.** This family program is for all ages and wizarding attire is appropriate. We will be transporting all manner of Muggles to Hogwarts for an evening of magic, mystery, and games. Celebrate all things "Potter" before the film *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*, opens in local theaters. Activities will include charms and potions classes, wizard jeopardy, a quidditch tournament, divination class, and more! This program will be presented by the Avistrum Academy of Sorcery; instructors will be costumed characters from the Harry Potter novels.



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, November 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** - History and songs are combined in **Music of the Civil War**, performed by Liz Masterson and Rex Rideout, who will weave a musical path from the captivity of the slaves to freedom in the North. Dressed in stunning period costumes, Liz and Rex will play a variety of vintage instruments.



Children's Thanksgiving Week Activities

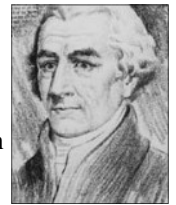
Looking for something fun for the kids to do during Thanksgiving break? Join us at Bemis for some special activities. See Page 3 under Children's Programs for complete details.

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William Bradford, Pilgrim Father

Hear William Bradford's story as he greets new arrivals to the Plymouth Colony in 1657 on **Monday, November 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Bradford will talk about his youth in England, religious beliefs, and his decision to come to a new colony in America. Learn about the pilgrims and this famous man who was the leader of Plymouth Colony.



Bradford will be portrayed in costume by Bud Jenkyns, who has performed his historical mini-dramas throughout America.

Make a Holiday Treasure Chest

Learn how easy and fun it is to create a miniature holiday treasure chest filled with small cards, candlesticks, ornaments, garland, greenery and more! Expert crafter Pat Vick will present **two identical workshops on Saturday, November 27, 10:00 a.m.-Noon, and 1:00-3:00 p.m.** These classes are open to adults and children, age eight and older accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring \$2.50 for materials which will be collected by the instructor at the start of the class. Wear an apron or "crafty" clothes. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register for one of the workshops.

Food For Fines

Bemis, in cooperation with Inter-Faith Community Services, will be sponsoring the annual Food for Fines program from **Monday, November 22 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 from **Monday, November 22 through Thursday, December 23** at the library. Choose from best-sellers, classics, cookbooks and children's books. Bring the whole family in to find great presents!



Book Groups at Bemis

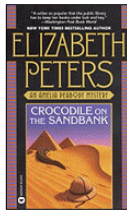
We have a variety of Book Groups that meet throughout the month. Choose a group that suits your interests and schedule. Then join us for some stimulating discussions.

♦ Senior Book Club

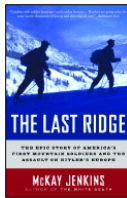
First Monday of each month at 2 p.m.

Nov. 1: *Crocodile on the Sandbank*
by Elizabeth Peters

After her father's death, thirty-two-year-old Amelia Peabody eschews the role of Victorian spinster and travels to Egypt, where mysterious intruders, boorish archaeologists, and a disappearing two-thousand-year-old mummy test her sanity and independence.



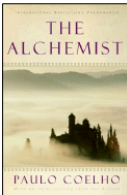
Dec. 6: *The Last Ridge: The Epic Story of the U.S. Army's 10th Mountain Division & the Assault on Hitler's Europe*
by McKay Jenkins



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 Paul Coelho

The story of an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of buried treasure. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. 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.

Monday Evening Book Group

Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Nov. 15: *Summertime*
by J. M. Coetzee

Part novel, part memoir, this book is about the author Coetzee as seen through the eyes of female lovers, relatives, colleagues and unrequited loves, all interviewed many years after his supposed death.



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

Balram Halwai is a complicated man: servant, philosopher, entrepreneur, murderer. Over the course of seven nights, by the scattered light of a preposterous chandelier, Balram tells the terrible and transfixing story of how he came to be a success in life - having nothing but his own wits to help him along.



*We will meet on the fourth Monday in January due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. 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., Nov. 16 & Wed., Nov. 17
*Students should sign up for both classes.
- ♦ **Beginning Excel - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Nov. 9; Wed., Dec. 8
- ♦ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Dec. 15
- ♦ **Beginning Internet**
Sat., Nov. 20; Sat., Dec. 18
- ♦ **Beginning Windows XP**
Tues., Nov. 2; Wed., Dec. 1
- ♦ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Nov. 3; Tues., Dec. 7
- ♦ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**
Tues., Dec. 14
- ♦ **Newsletters with Word - MS Office 2003**
Wed., Nov. 10
- ♦ **Organizing, Managing & Editing Photos**
Fri., Nov. 19
- ♦ **Shutterfly Albums Using Custom Path**
Fri., Nov. 5
- ♦ **Shutterfly Holiday Card Creation and Album Review**
Tues., Nov. 23
- ♦ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.



Thanksgiving Week Activities

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
 Nov. 6: *Sands of Destruction*
 Dec. 4: Title will be selected at Nov. mtg.
 Jan. 8*: Title will be selected at Dec. mtg.
 *We will meet on the second Saturday in January due to the holidays.
- ♦ **Teen Writers Group**
Third Tuesday of the month @ 4 p.m.
 Nov. 16, Dec. 21 and Jan. 18
 All teen creative writers are welcome!
 Bring copies of your writing in order for other participants to provide feedback.
- ♦ **Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.**
 Play a different video game each month!
 Nov. 18: *Guitar Hero*
 Dec. 16: *Winter Games*
 Jan. 20: *Super Smash Bros Brawl*
- ♦ **Teen Advisory Group (TAG)**
Fourth Friday of the month @ 3:30 p.m.
 No meetings in November or December.
 Next meeting: January 28, 2011.

With the kids out of school for Thanksgiving break, are you looking for something fun for them to do? Join us for these special Thanksgiving week activities:

- ♦ **Artful Tuesday - Tuesday, November 23 @ 2:00 p.m.**
 An hour of crafts and books for kids in grades 1-5. Registration is required. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning November 15 to register.
- ♦ **Movie Matinee: *Toy Story 3***
Wednesday, November 24 @ 2:00 p.m.
 For kids in grades K-5, younger siblings are welcome but must attend with an adult. Registration is required. Please call 303-795-3961 beginning November 17 to register.



Read to Your Children

There are many reasons for reading to your children, but one of the best reasons is the extensive collection of picture books right here at Bemis. Award winning titles, fantastic artwork, favorite authors and holiday collections will allow you and your child to benefit from reading aloud. With over 14,000 titles you as a parent or caregiver will be able to help your child develop imagination and creativity as you read from an old favorite or a brand new arrival. Reading aloud will help to build listening skills, vocabulary, memory and language skills as well as self-esteem. What better way for your child to learn the joy of reading than by sitting with an adult and enjoying a great story with fantastic original artwork. Please ask a children's librarian for help in your search for the perfect book.

Weekly Story Times & Ongoing Activities

No Story Times the week of November 22. Story Times will resume on Nov. 30.

- ♦ **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, Nov. 20: 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.



Spend an evening at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry on **Friday, November 12, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**

Celebrate all things "Potter" before the film, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*, opens in local theaters. See Page 1 for additional program details.

Upcoming Teen Event



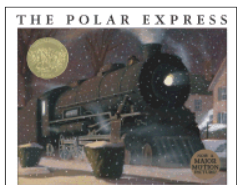
Don't miss *Despicable Me*, shown on the library's big screen on **Monday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** A criminal mastermind (voiced by Steve Carell) uses a trio of orphan girls as pawns for a grand scheme to steal the moon, but he

finds himself profoundly changed by his growing love for them. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided. Rated PG.



Upcoming Children's Event

Mark your calendars now for *The Polar Express*—**Saturday, December 11 with identical performances at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.** Don't miss our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train! A program for families with children ages 3 and up. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register beginning November 22.



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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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Medical Care Van Moves to Buck Recreation Center

If you do not have medical insurance and need to see a doctor, take advantage of the free medical services being offered by Adventist Community Services (ACS) and Littleton Adventist Hospital. Formerly, mobile medical offices came to Bemis on Mondays; now, **free medical services will be available inside the Buck Recreation Center every Monday except holidays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.** Buck Recreation Center is located at 2004 W. Powers Ave. near the historic Littleton court house. Services offered will include exams, checkups, screenings, and treatment of chronic conditions. Arrangements for this service were negotiated by the Health Care Committee of the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative. For more information, please call ACS at 303-935-7389.



Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars now for these library events coming next month:

- ◆ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Holiday Music provided by Perpetual Motion**
Saturday, December 4, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Joy of Christmas, Past and Present with the Joe Peterson Rhythm Trio, JPO Andrews Singers and special emcee, David Hixon**
Saturday, December 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ◆ **Family Film Event: *Despicable Me***
Monday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Schedule of Library Events

- Nov. Art Exhibit** Heritage Fine Arts Guild
- Monday, Nov. 1** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 2** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 3** *Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Library Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 4** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 5** *Shutterfly Albums Using Custom Path, 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, Nov. 6** Teen Anime Club, Noon
Saturday Movie Matinee:
How to Train Your Dragon, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 9** *Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 10** *Newsletters with Word, MS Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 11** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 12** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
Visit Hogwarts at Bemis, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 13** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Music of the Civil War performed by Liz Masterson & Rex Rideout, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 15** Monday Evening Book Group, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 16** *Beginning Access Part 1, MS Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
Teen Writers Group, 4:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 17** *Beginning Access Part 2, MS Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 18** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
Senior Wii Bowling, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
Teen Wii Games, 3:30 p.m.
- Friday, Nov. 19** *Organizing, Managing & Editing Photos, 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, Nov. 20** *Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.-noon
- Monday, Nov. 22** William Bradford, Pilgrim Father, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 23** *Shutterfly Holiday Card Creation & Album Review, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Artful Tuesday for Grades 1-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov. 24** *Movie Matinee: *Toy Story 3*, for Grades K-5, 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 25** Thanksgiving Day
LIBRARY CLOSED
- Friday, Nov. 26** Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 27** *Make a Holiday Treasure Chest, Two identical workshops: 10:00 a.m.-noon & 1:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 30** *Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 1** *Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
*Story Box, 9:30 a.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.

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

Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.