



# Behind the Cover

The Monthly Newsletter of Bemis Public Library

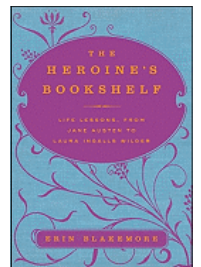
## Share Your Wisdom at Bemis Public Library during National Library Week

Bemis is joining libraries around the country in celebrating **National Library Week, April 10-16**; the theme for the week is *Create Your Own Story @ Your Library*. Stop by the library and write a few lines about wisdom you have learned or words of wisdom that you would want to pass on to the younger generation; children, teens and adults can write on and decorate a printed “owl” that will be placed on a wisdom tree in the library. For participating, you will have your name entered to win a \$50 gift certificate to a business of your choice in historic downtown Littleton or a copy of the book *Wise at Heart: Children and Adults Share Words of Wisdom*, by Brody Hartman and local authors Richard and Michele Steckel.



## The Heroine's Bookshelf: Life Lessons from Jane Austen to Laura Ingalls Wilder

Colorado author Erin Blakemore will talk about lessons learned from her favorite women authors and their plucky heroines, **Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.** Jo March, Scarlett O’Hara, Scout Finch—the literary canon is brimming with intelligent, feisty, never-say-die heroines and celebrated female authors. Like today’s women, they placed a premium on personality, spirituality, career, sisterhood, and family. Blakemore will discuss how we can find redemption, strength, and literary intervention between the pages of familiar books. Copies of Blakemore’s recent book, *The Heroine's Bookshelf*, will be available for purchase and signing.



## An Affair of the Heart: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Women in his Life

*An Affair of the Heart*, a dramatic presentation on **Tuesday, April 26, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**, will reveal the close relationships that Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 32nd president of the United States, had with several women. This historically accurate program, using letters and personal documents, will examine the complex and intertwined relationship between Franklin Roosevelt and Eleanor, his wife; Lucy Mercer Rutherford, initially a social secretary to Eleanor; and Margaret Daisy Suckley, a close companion and correspondent. Richard Marold, an historian and journalist, will portray Roosevelt. The voices of the women in Roosevelt's life will be portrayed by Mary Jane Bradbury, an actress and presenter at Four Mile Historic Park in Denver.



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## Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

Bring the family to see the popular film, *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, on the library's big screen, **Saturday, April 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** Lucy and Edmund Pevensie, along with their cousin Eustace, return to the magical land of Narnia, where they meet up with Prince Caspian for a trip across the sea. Along the way they encounter dragons, dwarves, merfolk, and a band of lost warriors before reaching the edge of the world. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided. Rated PG. Running time: 113 minutes.



# Learn About Investing: *Money Smart Week*

To help celebrate **Money Smart Week**, April 2-9, Morningstar, one of the library's online subscription databases, will be offering a free webinar on *Investing 101: Simple Strategies to Get Started in the World of Investing*. To register for the webinar, please email [librarytraining@morningstar.com](mailto:librarytraining@morningstar.com).



## Musical Moments at Sophie's Place

Monthly performances feature a variety of musical talent from Littleton and the Denver metro area.

**Saturday, April 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** Enjoy the music and laugh along with the **Grace Notes Barbershop Quartet** who will add humor to their performance of classic songs from the twenties and thirties.



## Women of Denver History

The city of Denver was shaped by the efforts of many great people. Staff from Active Minds will focus on the women of Denver and their contributions to the city and state on **Monday, April 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m.** Among the women who will be discussed are Augusta Tabor, Baby Doe Tabor, Molly Brown, Emily Griffith, Florence Sabin, the Bonfils sisters and Pat Schroeder.

## 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.**

**Apr. 4:** *The Things They Carried*  
by Tim O'Brien

Heroic young men carry the emotional weight of their lives to war in Vietnam in a patchwork account of a modern journey into the heart of darkness.

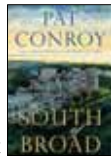
In their relationships we see their isolation and loneliness, their rage and fear. They miss their families, their girlfriends and buddies; they miss the lives they left back home. Yet they find sympathy and kindness for strangers and love for each other because in Vietnam they are the only family they have.

**May 2:** *The Zookeeper's Wife*  
by Diane Ackerman

A true story of how the keepers of the Warsaw Zoo saved hundreds of people from Nazi hands. When Germany invaded Poland, bombers devastated Warsaw and the city's zoo along with it. With most of their animals dead, zookeepers Jan and Antonina Żabiński began smuggling Jews into empty cages.

**June 6:** *South of Broad*  
by Pat Conroy

In the late 60s following his brother's suicide, Leopold Bloom King struggles along with the rest of his family in Charleston, S.C., until he begins to gather an intimate circle of friends: a black football coach's son, Appalachian orphans, members of Charleston's aristocracy, and a beautiful pair of twins. The story alternates between 1969 and 1989, when one of the twins enlists Leopold and her other friends to find her missing gay brother.



### ◆ Monday Evening Book Group

**Third Monday of each month at 7 p.m.**

**Apr. 18:** *Await Your Reply*  
by Dan Chaon

The lives of three strangers interconnect in unforeseen ways. While Miles pursues elusive letters and clues in a perpetual search for his missing twin, Ryan struggles with the discovery that he is adopted, and Lucy finds her daring escape from her hometown posing unexpectedly dangerous consequences.

**May 16:** *A Good Fall*  
by Ha Jin

In this collection of stories, Ha Jin presents detailed pieces illuminating the experiences of Chinese immigrants in America, from a lonely composer who takes comfort in a parakeet's song, to a group of children who want to change their names.

**June 20:** *Zeitoun*  
by Dave Eggers

This novel tells the story of one man's experience during and after Hurricane Katrina. Abdulrahman Zeitoun, a successful Syrian-born painting contractor, decides to stay in New Orleans and protect his property while his family flees. After the levees break, he uses a small canoe to rescue people, before being arrested by an armed squad and swept powerlessly into a vortex of bureaucratic brutality.



## 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 Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Apr. 12; Wed., May 18; Tues., June 14
- ◆ **Intermediate Excel - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Apr. 13; Wed., June 15
- ◆ **Beginning Internet**  
Sat., Apr. 16; Tues., May 31; Sat., June 4
- ◆ **Beginning PowerPoint - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Apr. 19; Tues., June 28
- ◆ **Beginning Publisher - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., June 21
- ◆ **Beginning Windows XP**  
Sat., Apr. 2; Wed., May 11; Wed., June 1
- ◆ **Beginning Word - MS Office 2003**  
Tues., Apr. 5; Tues., May 17; Tues., June 7
- ◆ **Intermediate Word - MS Office 2003**  
Wed., Apr. 6; Wed., June 8
- ◆ **Computer Comfort**  
Tues., May 10
- ◆ **Downloading Your Pictures**  
Fri., Apr. 1
- ◆ **Google Docs**  
Tues., Apr. 26
- ◆ **Managing and Editing Your Photos**  
Fri., Apr. 15
- ◆ **Managing Your Health**  
Fri., May 6
- ◆ **Photo Shoot at Sunset**  
Fri., June 3 - *\*Special Time: 6:30 p.m.*
- ◆ **Shutterfly for Beginners**  
Fri., Apr. 29
- ◆ **Shutterfly for Advanced**  
Fri., June 17
- ◆ **Windows XP File Management**  
Wed., Apr. 20
- ◆ **Open Computer Lab - Every Thursday**  
No registration required. Receive one-on-one time with a computer class instructor.





# Children's Programs



## Magic Cover to Cover with Dave Elstun

Entertainer Dave Elstun will astound and inspire children to read with *Magic Cover to Cover* on **Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.** In this exhilarating program, Elstun tells stories of magicians past. Watch as a torn newspaper instantly repairs itself, an open book suddenly catches fire, and Elstun links six beautiful rings together. This program is for families with children ages 3 and up.



## El día de los Niños/El día de los Libros: Children's Day/Book Day

Don't miss *El día de los Niños/El día de los Libros: Children's Day/Book Day*, an annual celebration of children, families and reading, on **Saturday, April 30, 11:00 a.m.** Angel Vigil, well-known author, performer and educator, will help us celebrate by sharing traditional stories of the Hispanic Southwest. Join us for this multi-cultural performance for children of all ages and their families.



## Weekly Story Times & Ongoing 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:

### ◆ Read the Movie Club

**First Sat. of the month @ noon**

The new **Read the Movie Club** is replacing the Anime Club. The new club will discuss a book, then watch the movie. *Join us even if you haven't read the book.* As a special bonus, every few months, we'll take a field trip to the local movie theater to check out a flick - free! Don't miss our April movie, the classic Spielberg dino-thriller, *Jurassic Park*, based on the book by Michael Crichton. Free popcorn and lemonade will be provided.



**Apr. 2:** *Jurassic Park* - Rated PG-13

**May 7:** To be determined

**June 4:** To be determined

### ◆ Wii - Third Thursdays @ 3:30 p.m.

Play a different video game each month!

**Apr. 21:** *Super Smash Bros Brawl*

**May 19:** *Guitar Hero*

**June 16:** Special Wii Tournament; time to be announced.

### ◆ Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

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

**Apr. 22:** Open Agenda

**May 27:** Planning for Talent Show

**June 24:** Open Agenda

## Special Teen Events

Don't miss these hit movies shown on the library's big screen. Free popcorn and beverages will be provided.

### ◆ Teen Movie: *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Part 1*

**Saturday, April 16, 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Rated PG-13. Length: 127 minutes.



### ◆ Teen Movie: *Tron: Legacy*

**Saturday, April 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Rated PG. Length: 125 minutes.



## Upcoming Teen Events

### Summer Film School

Watch for news about the summer film school at the Binning Family Foundation! Applications for the film school will be available at the library beginning Monday, May 9.



### ◆ 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.**

**April 16:** Readers in grades 1-5 can practice reading 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.

## Upcoming Children's Activities

Princesses, queens, and all things pink will reign at our **annual Mother-Daughter Tea Party: Pink-a-licious-Royal-Tea on Saturday, May 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** The royal library of Bemis Kingdom is requesting the presence of little princesses and their queen mothers for tea, sweet treats and a royal craft. The event is for girls in grades K-5 and their mothers. Reservations are required and may be made beginning Sunday, May 1 by calling the library at 303-795-3961.



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Online Catalog: <http://bemis.sirsi.net>

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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## International Conversation Circle

Want to expand your English conversation skills? Join us for our **International Conversation Circle on the first and last Thursday of every month from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in Sophie's Place.** Everyone is welcome. If you are a new-arrival (immigrant/new American) you can learn about American culture, exchange experiences, get resources, socialize, and self-educate to integrate better into the community. Hosted by the Littleton Immigrant Integration Initiative. For more information call the library at 303-795-3968.



## Upcoming Events

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

- ♦ **One Woman's Path through the Rwandan Genocide to Life in the States**  
Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Saturday Movie Matinee: *The King's Speech***  
Saturday, May 7, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Unconventional Women of the West**  
Tuesday, May 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with A Broadway Valentine—Dream Duet with singers Marta Burton and Lucas Graf and pianist Nick Busheff**  
Saturday, May 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Looking for Grandpa's Island**  
Monday, May 23, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

# Schedule of Library Events

- Apr. Art Exhibit** Paint Box Guild Spring Show  
April 9-May 1
- Friday, Apr. 1** \*Downloading Your Pictures, 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, Apr. 2** \*Beginning Windows XP, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Teen Read the Movie Club, Noon  
Movie Matinee: *Tangled*, 2-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 3** Magic Cover to Cover with Dave Elstun, For families with children ages 3 and up, 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 4** Senior Book Club, 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 5** \*Beginning Word, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 6** \*Intermediate 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, Apr. 7** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 8** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.  
Bemis Knitting Group, 2:00 p.m.
- Apr. 10-16** National Library Week
- Tuesday, Apr. 12** \*Beginning Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
The Heroine's Bookshelf: Life Lessons from Jane Austen to Laura Ingalls Wilder, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 13** \*Intermediate Excel, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 14** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 15** \*Managing & Editing Your 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, Apr. 16** \*Beginning Internet, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Paws to Read, 10:00 a.m.—noon  
Teen Movie: *Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows, Part I*, 1-4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Apr. 16** Musical Moments at Sophie's Place with Grace Notes Barbershop Quartet, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Monday, Apr. 18** Monday Evening Book Club, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 19** \*Beginning PowerPoint, Office '03, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 20** \*Windows XP File Management, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 21** 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, Apr. 22** \*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, Apr. 23** Saturday Movie Matinee: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, Rated PG, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Sunday, Apr. 24** Easter  
**LIBRARY CLOSED**
- Monday, Apr. 25** Women of Denver History, 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Apr. 26** \*Google Docs, Space Available, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
\*Story Box, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.  
An Affair of the Heart: Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the Women in his Life, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Apr. 27** \*Story Box, 9:30 a.m.
- Thursday, Apr. 28** Open Computer Lab, 9:00-10:30 a.m.  
Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.  
International Conversation Circle, 12:30-2:00 p.m.
- Friday, Apr. 29** \*Shutterfly for Beginners, 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, Apr. 30** El día de los Niños/El día de los Libros: Children's Day/Book Day, For families with children of all ages, 11:00 a.m.  
Teen Movie: *Tron: Legacy*, Rated PG, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- \*These programs require a reservation or ticket. Please call 303-795-3961.**  
Find specific program details elsewhere in this newsletter.