

BEYOND BOOKS...

What's Happening at Bemis Public Library

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The Library will be closed April 9 for Easter.



Passwords are Live!

On March 28, the library implemented account passwords to help keep patron information private.

Every cardholder starts with a default password and is prompted to reset it to their password of choice when logging into their accounts. Your default password is the first three letters of your last name (lower case) and the last 4 digits of your library card number (e.g. smi1234). Library staff are happy to help set up passwords.

El Día de los Niños El Día de los Libros

**April 29, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
For All Ages**

Food, music, crafts and more! El día de los niños/el día de los libros (Children's Day and Day of Books) is an annual festival celebrating children, books, and Mexican culture. The library will host performers, food and traditional crafts for this joyful holiday.



Adult & All Ages Events

Eighth Annual Six-Word Story Contest

April 1 - 21

For Ages 6 and Up

Enter the eighth annual Six-Word Story Contest! Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each age category: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12-18), and children (age 6-11). Awards will be announced via the library's newsletter and social media accounts. [Click here to enter](#) beginning April 1.

*One story.
Six words.
Good luck!*



Senior Social Club

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

For Ages 50 and Up

Please join the library's weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library.

OLLI Preview: Do You Need a Little More Joy Right Now?

April 7, 1 - 2:30 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages*

Inspired by the book *Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness*, OLLI (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute) instructor Janet Kester has developed a class to look at the many facets of joy and how people can cultivate more joy in everyday life. This is a preview of the multi-week class available through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver. ***Registration required.** Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



Plant Swap

April 8, 1 - 3 p.m.

For All Ages

Bring houseplants, cuttings and seedlings to the library for this community gardening exchange. Participants will be entered for fun gardening door prizes.

Stitch Circle

April 13 and 27, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For All Ages

Join TheStudio@Bemis Stitch Circle! Bring in a project or come learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery. [Click here for event reminders](#).



Board Games @ Bemis

April 14, 5 - 7 p.m.

For All Ages

An after-hours, family-friendly board game night. Space is limited, so arrive early. Pizza and snacks will be served.

Soul Walking Craft

April 15, 2 - 3:30 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages*

Art is messy. Life is messy. Relax, it's supposed to be messy – that's what makes it beautiful! Join Janie for a session of creative play and connection, designed to move out of perfection paralysis and into joyful making.

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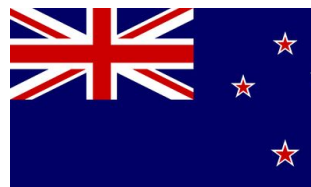
New Zealand with Active Minds

April 24, 2 - 3 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages

From its roots as a British colony, New Zealand emerged as a mixture of British influence and its native Māori culture.

With a population of just over 5 million people, New Zealand has an outsized cultural impact in the region and the world. Join Active Minds to learn the story of the world's sixth-largest island nation as well as why its inhabitants are often called kiwis.



The Odyssey According to SETH

April 25, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For All Ages

Join Colorado performance artist SETH for a journey into Homer's epic poem *The Odyssey* and its allegorical parallels with his own journey as an emerging African-American poet. Part lecture, part performance, SETH will read selections from his own collection, *a Black Odyssey*, accompanied by a musical ensemble.

Dungeons & Dragons

April 26, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

For Ages 10 & Up*

Players of all experience levels are welcome. Pizza and snacks will be served. ***Registration required.** Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



Virtual Author Talks

Join in for live-streamed discussions with bestselling authors presented by Library Speakers Consortium. Visit libraryc.org/bemis for information on upcoming events and to watch previously recorded discussions with authors.



Kate Beaton

April 4, 5 - 6 p.m.

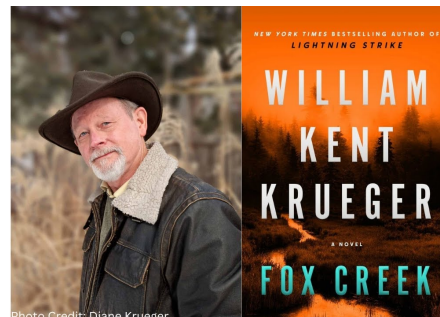
For Adults of All Ages*

Tune in for an enlightening conversation with highly-acclaimed cartoonist Kate Beaton. After university, Kate headed out west to take advantage of Alberta's oil rush. The journey cost her far more than she anticipated. *Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands* is more than a memoir; it's also an untold story of Canada, a country that prides itself on its egalitarian ethos and natural beauty while exploiting the riches of its land and the humanity of its people.

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or [click here to register](#).



William Kent Krueger

April 27, 6 - 7 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages*

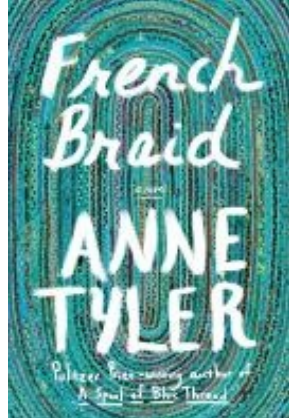
Tune in for a riveting conversation with bestselling author William Kent Krueger. His latest book, *Fox Creek*, follows Cork O'Connor in a race against time to save his wife, a mysterious stranger, and an Ojibwe healer from bloodthirsty mercenaries.

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Bemis Book Clubs

Participate online or join in the Conference Room at the library for an engaging discussion of thought-provoking books.



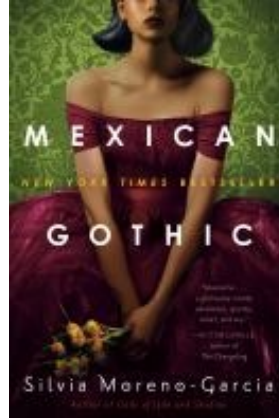
Senior Book Group

April 5, 1 - 2 p.m.

For Ages 50 and Up

[French Braid](#) by Anne Tyler

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)



Evening Book Club

April 19, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For Ages 18 and Up

[Mexican Gothic](#)

by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

[Click here to join on Zoom.](#)

Technology Programs

One-on-One Tech Help

Various Dates and Times

For All Ages*

Sign up for an individualized technology appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, internet connectivity, video chatting, and more. ***Registration required.** Please call the library at (303) 795-3961 or [click here to register.](#)

TheStudio: One-on-One

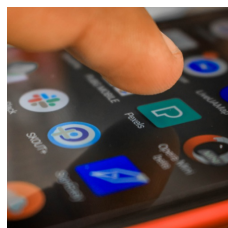
Tuesdays and by Appointment

For All Ages*

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in the library's makerspace, TheStudio@Bemis. Learn about the Cricut, sewing machines, digitization station, and more! ***Registration required.** Call the library at (303) 795-3961 or [click here to register.](#)

TheStudio@Bemis



Drop-in Tech Help

April 6, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

For All Ages

Stop by Study Room A for basic technology assistance. Ask questions about smartphones, eReaders, tablets, laptops and more!

Open Lab: TheStudio@Bemis

April 11 and 25, 4- 6 p.m.

For All Ages

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult

Drop into TheStudio to learn more about the space and its resources. In April, Earth Day crafts will be provided for the whole family.

OpenLab

Google Sheets: Budgets



April 20, 11:30 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

For Adults 18 and Up*

Learn how to create and manage budgets using basic formulas in Google Sheets. ***Registration required.** Please call the library at (303) 795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

Intro to Cricut

April 27, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

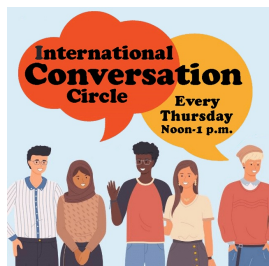
For All Ages

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Learn the basics of the library's Cricut (pronounced like "cricket"). This smart cutting machine can help take crafting to the next level! ***Registration required.** Please call the library at (303) 795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



Littleton Immigrant Resource Center Events



International Conversation Circle

Every Thursday, 12 - 1 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages

Meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English in a comfortable and casual way, and make new friends while enjoying food and drink! For more information, email Robert at librzi@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3968.

Calling for Volunteers!

Volunteer to help immigrants in the community on their path to citizenship, or dedicate an hour weekly to help improve their English. The LIRC will provide training and an opportunity to get more involved in the Littleton community! For more information, email Robert at librzi@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3968.



Teen Programs



Teen Takeover

April 5, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

For Grades 6 - 12

Join this Teen Takeover to hang out and have fun at your own pace! Play with Spheros and make buttons, or bring a project to work on and share! Snacks will be served.

Teen Advisory Group

April 12, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

For Grades 6 - 12

Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks will be served.



Tweensday: Read This Movie

April 19, 5 - 7 p.m.

For Grades 5 - 12*

Vote for the best movie based on a YA novel and watch it on the



library's big screen! Pizza and snacks will be served. *Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [Click here to register](#).

Children's Events



Join in a weekly story time designed for specific age groups:

BABY

For Caregivers & Non-Walking Babies

Birth - through age 1

Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

TODDLER

For Caregivers & Toddlers

Walkers up to age 3

Tuesdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

PRESCHOOL

For Ages 3 and Up

Fridays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

ALL AGES

For Families With Children of All Ages

Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10 a.m.

Thursdays, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Can't make it to storytime?

Call the Dial-A-Story line at 303-795-3960 or [watch story time videos online](#) anytime for more stories recorded by Bemis children's librarians!



Paws to Read

April 8, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For Grades K - 5*

Kids can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society. *Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 to reserve a 20-minute spot.

Sensory Story Time

Tuesday, April 11, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Caregivers & Children of all abilities are welcome

Join us for an inclusive and interactive storytime designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased. Sensory toys, fidgets, and noise-canceling headphones are provided for anyone who needs them. Storytime includes songs, stories, and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end.



Animal Adventures with Safari Sally

Sunday, April 23, 3 - 4 p.m.

For Families with Children of All Ages

Safari Sally mesmerizes children with her animals and fun interactions! Have fun while learning about the creatures and their environment with a chance to get up close and personal with the animals.



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