

# BEYOND BOOKS...

## What's Happening at Bemis Public Library

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### **Gingerbread House Building** **December 3, Two Sessions** **9–11 a.m. or 12–2 p.m.—For All Ages\***

Create a gingerbread house and enter it into a competition for a chance to win \$25. The library will provide a base and basic supplies. Feel free to bring any extra building materials. All materials must be edible. Houses will be on display at Bemis

through December 23. The public can vote on their favorite creation. The house with the most votes will win. \*Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

### **Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble** **December 10—For All Ages** **1–2 p.m. and 3–4 p.m.**

Littleton's own Smithtonians Handbell Choir will perform two holiday concerts. Celebrate the holiday spirit by attending one of these stellar performances.



### **Senior Movie Matinee: *Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street*** **December 12, 1:30–3 p.m.** **For Ages 50 and Up**

Watch the original 1947 Christmas classic starring Maureen O'Hara. Hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

### **Merry Tessellations Craft** **December 17—Ages 10 and Up** **11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.\***

M.C. Escher made them famous, but anyone can tessellate. Learn how to create a template to trace an interlocking repeating design and then turn it into a holiday motif.

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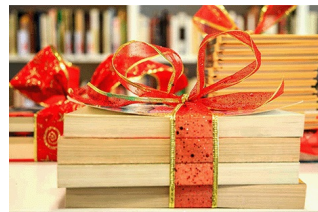


### **Holiday Traditions with Active Minds** **December 19, 2–3 p.m.—For Adults of All Ages**

Why do we have Christmas trees? Or, for that matter, holiday lights, eggnog, holly or mistletoe. Active Minds will seek to explain the origins of many holiday traditions.

## Holiday Book Sale

Do your gift shopping at the Friends' Holiday Book Sale **through noon on December 23**. You'll find craft, cooking and children's books, as well as fiction, history, art, gardening and more. Book sale proceeds benefit Bemis Library and the Littleton Museum. Thanks for your support.



## General Events



### Food for Fines Is Back

The library will accept non-perishable, unexpired food items to pay for overdue fines through **December 31**. One item of food equals \$1.00 off patron overdue fines. Please note, this applies to overdue fines only, not charges for lost or damaged items. Food will be donated to the Life Center

of Littleton Food Bank.

### Senior Social Club—Thursdays in December

**9:30–10:30 a.m.—For Ages 50 and Up**

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

### Creativity Challenge Kickoff:

#### Creativebug Class

**December 3, 11 a.m.–noon**

**For Ages 15 and Up\***

Challenge yourself to take your creativity to the next level with the library. This two-month creativity challenge will introduce Creativebug, a video database with hundreds of art and craft tutorials—all free with your library card. *\*Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



**LEGO Club—December 3, 3–4 p.m.**

**For All Ages—Children under age 8 must be accompanied by an adult**

Design, construct and create your own LEGO creations. Build from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation. Come build with us.

### Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—December 8, 2–3:30 p.m.

**For Ages 18 and Up\***

Join BMOCA Educator Reid Portscheller for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's current exhibition, and create a piece of art inspired by the show. *\*Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

**Board Games @ Bemis—December 9, 5–7 p.m.**

**For All Ages**

Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served.



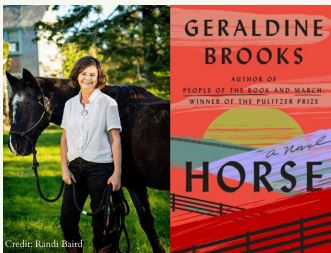
## Dungeons & Dragons

**December 28, 5–7:30 p.m.—For Ages 10 & Up\***

Roll the dice, join a group, and let your imagination soar as we play this popular tabletop role-playing game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Experienced Dungeon Masters can earn thank you gifts and community service credit for running tables. Pizza and snacks will be served. \*Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

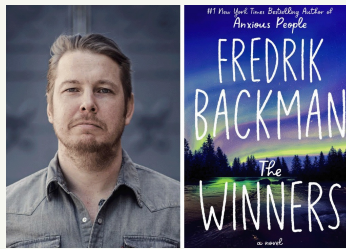
## Virtual Author Talks

Bemis is proud to launch live-streamed discussions with bestselling authors representing a wide variety of genres and topics presented by Library Speakers Consortium. Visit <https://libraryc.org/bemis> for information and registration links to upcoming events or to watch previously recorded discussions with authors.



### **Geraldine Brooks** ***Horse*** **December 6,** **5–7 p.m.** **For All Ages\***

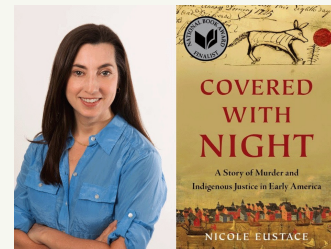
Join us for a special in-person viewing of an exciting virtual chat with the highly-acclaimed and award-winning novelist, Geraldine Brooks in conversation about her most recent New York Times bestselling novel, *Horse*. Brooks braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice across American history. Refreshments will be served, and there will be time for discussion following the program. \*Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



### **Fredrik Backman** ***The Winners*** **December 10,** **12–1 p.m.** **For All Ages\***

Bestselling author Fredrik Backman will discuss his new novel, *The Winners*, the third installment of the *Beartown* series. Backman also will discuss his outstanding body of work which includes *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Beartown*, and *Us Against You*. In *The Winners*, Backman takes readers back to Beartown, a close-knit, resilient community, in this story about first loves, second chances, and last goodbyes. The residents of Beartown must face difficult questions and determine just what they are willing to sacrifice for their home.

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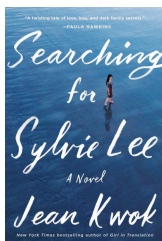


### **Nicole Eustace** ***Covered with Night:*** ***A Story of Murder &*** ***Indigenous Justice*** ***in Early America*** **December 14,** **10–11 a.m.** **For All Ages\***

On the eve of a major treaty conference between Iroquois leaders and European colonists in the distant summer of 1722, two white fur traders attacked an Indigenous hunter and left him for dead near Conestoga, PA. Though virtually forgotten today, this act of brutality set into motion a remarkable series of criminal investigations and cross-cultural negotiations that challenged the definition of justice in early America. Hear a virtual conversation with award-winning author and historian Nicole Eustace about the crime, and its far-reaching consequences.

## Bemis Book Clubs

Join one of our fantastic groups to discuss thought-provoking books. Senior Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of the month. Evening Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of the month. Participants may attend either in-person at the library or via Zoom using the links below or those on the [library calendar of events](#).



**Senior Book Club—December 7, 1–2 p.m.**

**For Ages 50 and Up**

*Searching for Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok

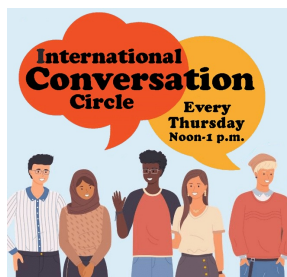
[Click here for the book.](#)

[Click here to join discussion via Zoom.](#)

**Evening Book Club—For Ages 18 and Up**

**No discussion in December**

## Littleton Immigrant Resource Center Programs



### International Conversation Circle Every Thursday—Noon–1 p.m.

Would you like to meet people from other countries? Would you like to practice English or help others practice English in a social atmosphere instead of a class? Join us at the International Conversation Circle at Bemis Public Library every Thursday, noon–1:00 p.m. on the lower level of the library. Meet people from the U.S. and other countries,

practice English and make new friends. For more information, email Robert Little at [librzi@littletongov.org](mailto:librzi@littletongov.org) or call 303-795-3968.

## Teen Events



**Teen Takeover  
December 7,  
5–6:30 p.m.  
For Grades 6–12**

Join us to hang out and make something fun at your own pace. This month we'll have cookies for



**Teen Advisory  
Group: Merry  
Cocoamas!  
December 14,  
5–6 p.m.**

**For Grades 6–12**  
TAG is your opportunity to



**Tweensday: Ugly  
Sweater DIY  
December 21,  
5–6:30 p.m.  
For Grades 5–12**

Bring your own sweaters,  
tee shirts, or fabric bags

decorating and holiday card supplies, or you can bring your projects to work on and share. Snacks will be served.

improve the library and earn community service credit. Join us for our annual holiday treat, where we drink cocoa, enjoy snacks, and watch a holiday movie.

to add some seasonal flair with iron-on holiday decals and decorations. Snacks will be served. *\*Registration required.*

[Sign up through this link.](#)

## Children's Events



### **Books Are Cool Winter Reading Program December—January 9 For Kids in Grade 5 and Younger**

Pick up a reading log in the library, complete the challenges and record what you read. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises.

### **Weekly Children's Story Times**

Weekly story times at Bemis will take a brief hiatus from December 10–January 9. Story time sessions will resume in January.



### **Paws to Read—December 10 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. For Kids in Grades 1–5\***

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—December 13, 10:30–11:15 a.m. Caregivers & Children of All Abilities Are Welcome**

Join us for an inclusive and interactive story time designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound is decreased. The library will provide sensory toys, fidgets and noise canceling headphones for anyone who needs them. Story time includes songs, stories and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end.

### **Reptile Show—December 27, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older**

Canyon Critters will bring a selection of rescued critters and describe their characteristics and behavior as you meet them. They also will discuss the importance of responsible pet ownership.

### **Inspector Magic Hoppy Magic Bunny New Year!—December 29, 11–11:45 a.m. For Families with Children of All Ages**

Inspector Magic encourages reading with his spellbinding illusions and comedy. His interactive adventures engage the whole family.



### **"Noon" Year's Eve Let's Go Crazy Neon Party—December 31, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.**



## For Families with Children of All Ages\*

Treats, dancing, door prizes, and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball at 12 o'clock noon will all be part of a fun Glow Party with the hilarious Bryce Jackman to mark the countdown to 2023. Wear anything neon for fun under the black lights and wear your craziest socks to participate in a

Crazy Sock Contest, too. *\*Registration required.* Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#) beginning December 17.

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## Dial-A-Story

Call 303-795-3960 ANYTIME to hear a picture book read by one of the Bemis Children's librarians. Stories change weekly.



**The library will be closed for holidays on the following days:  
December 24–26, December 31 closing at 3 p.m. and January 1–2**

