

BEYOND BOOKS...

What's Happening at Bemis Public Library

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General Events

Senior Social Club—Thursdays in January

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.

Board Games @ Bemis—January 13, 5–7 p.m.

For All Ages

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

China's Belt and Road Initiative with Active Minds

January 23, 2–3 p.m.

For Adults of All Ages

In 2013, China announced a massive \$1 trillion international transportation and trade infrastructure construction program known as the Belt and Road Initiative. This program, which is well underway, aims to finance, build, and supply material for roads, bridges, tunnels, railway lines, seaports, and airports for over 100 countries in the world. China is billing this as a modern version of the ancient Silk Road. Active Minds will explore the history of the Silk Road as it informs an understanding of this contemporary effort.



Dungeons & Dragons

January 25, 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

Virtual Author Talks

Join us 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.



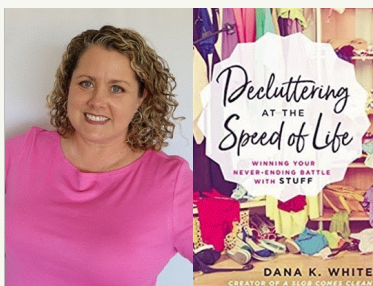
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Namina Forna,
author of
The Gilded Ones
January 7,
12–1 p.m.
For All Ages*

Join us for an action-packed online conversation with New York Times bestselling author of *The Gilded Ones* in a discussion about her second installment in the series, *The Merciless Ones*.

In *The Gilded Ones*, sixteen-year-old Deka lives in fear and anticipation of the blood ceremony that will determine whether she will become a member of her village. Already different from everyone else because of her unnatural intuition, Deka prays for red blood so she can finally feel like she belongs. But on the day of the ceremony, her blood runs gold, the color of impurity—and Deka knows she will face a consequence worse than death.

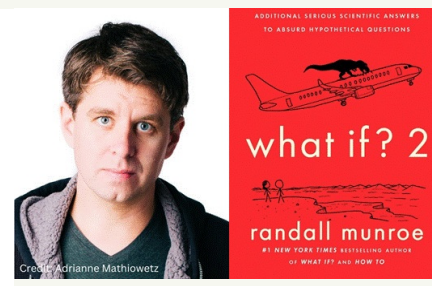
*Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



Credit: Dana K. White

Dana K. White,
author of
Organizing for the Rest of Us and
Decluttering at the Speed of Life
January 17,
12–1 p.m.
For All Ages*

While the world seems to be in love with the idea of tiny houses and minimalism, many of us simply can't purge it all and start from nothing. Yet, a home with too much stuff is difficult to maintain, so where do we begin? Join us for a virtual conversation with Dana K. White, creator of popular podcast and blog, *A Slob Comes Clean*, as she imparts her hard-learned tips. *Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).



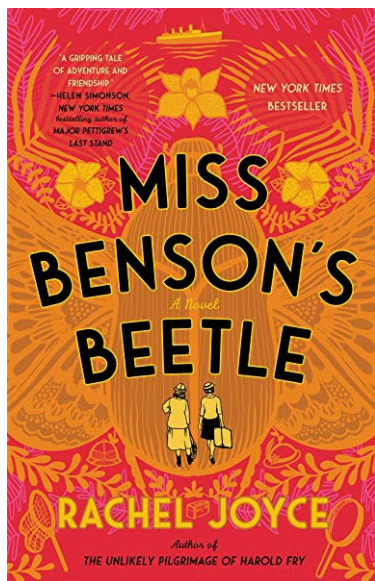
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Randall Munroe,
author of
xkcd: Volume 0 and
What If? 2:
Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions
January 31,
12–1 p.m.
For All Ages*

The millions of people around the world who read and loved *What If?* still have questions, and those questions are getting stranger. Thank goodness *xkcd* creator Randall Munroe is here to help. Join us for what is sure to be the most fun-filled hour of the day as we chat online with Randall Munroe about his new book *What If? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions*. *Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

Bemis Book Clubs

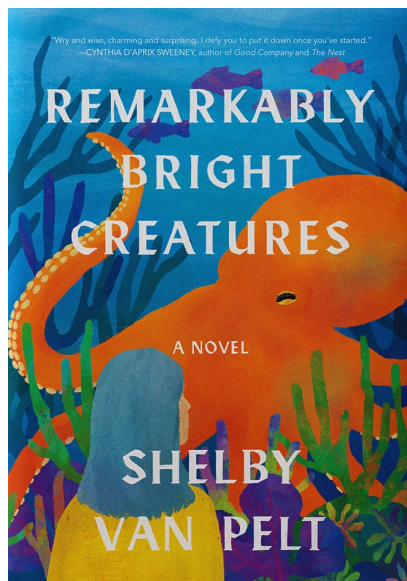
Participate in an engaging book group to discuss thought-provoking books. Bemis book clubs are in-person/virtual events. Participants may attend either in-person at the library or via Zoom using the links below or on the library's [All Events Calendar](#).



Senior Book Group
January 4,
1–2 p.m.
(in-person or online)
For Ages 50 and Up

Miss Benson's Beetle
by Rachel Joyce

In-person/virtual event: Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or [click here to join on Zoom](#).
[Click here for the book.](#)



Evening Book Club
January 18,
6:30–7:30 p.m.
(in-person or online)
For Ages 18 and Up

Remarkably Bright Creatures
by Shelby Van Pelt

In-person/virtual event: Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or [click here to join on Zoom](#).
[Click here for the book.](#)

Technology Programs

In Person One-on-One Tech Help **Various Dates & Times—For All Ages***

Sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more. **Registration is required.* Please call the library at (303) 795-3961 or [click here to register](#).

TheStudio@Bemis: Stitch Circle

January 12 and 26, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.—For All Ages

Join Stitch Circle in TheStudio@Bemis. Bring in your own projects or come to learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery. This is a great opportunity to meet and learn from and collaborate with other makers in the community.

Spring Session A: Adult English Classes at LIRC January 16–March 23*

- Basic English level 1: January 16–March 22*

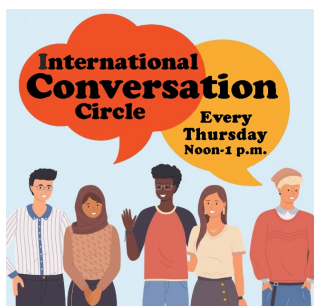
Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.–noon

- Basic English level 2: January 17–March 23*

Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.–noon

Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) are offering English classes in person. This is a 10-week course for \$50.

***Registration is required.** If you or anyone you know is interested in improving their English, please come to the LIRC to **register between January 9–13, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.** If you aren't available for the class times, that's ok. We also have one-on-one English tutors that you can work with. For more information, email Robert Little at librzi@littletongov.org or call 303-795-3968.



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 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 or call 303-795-3968.

Teen Events



Teen Takeover
January 4,
5–6:30 p.m.
For Grades 6–12

Join us to hang out and have fun at your own pace. This month we'll be playing Mario Kart and making Nintendo papercrafts, or you can bring your projects to



Teen Advisory Group
January 11,
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



Twensday Needle Felting
January 18,
5–6:30 p.m.

For Grades 5–12*
Learn to make adorable tiny critters with loose wool and small, stabby needles.
Registration required.

work on and share! Snacks will be served.

service credit. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks will be served.

[Sign up through this link.](#)

Children's Events

The Best of Science Matters January 4, 11 a.m.–noon For Families with Children Ages 3 and Older



Science Matters in Colorado will present a collection of favorite experiments which include a micro silo explosion, elephant toothpaste, a glowing pickle and spectacular dry ice demonstrations. Interactive and exciting for the entire family.



Top Hogs Show January 6, 11–11:45 a.m.—For Families with Children of All Ages

Join rescue pigs, Johnny Ringo and Spanky, in an action-packed, one-of-a-kind show as they perform incredible tricks from sports to impressions.



LEGO Club—January 7, 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.

Sensory Story Time—January 10, 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.



Paws to Read—January 14 11 a.m.–12:30—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.

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 January 1–2 for the New Year's holidays.
The library will be closed on January 16 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.**

