

President's Message



Happy Fall!

Wow! What a great kickoff to the fall and holiday season! The Craft Fair and the Harvest Festival both had perfect weather and great attendance.

The new layout for the booths at the Craft Fair created many more corners, enabling more display space for vendors and much easier shopping and navigation for attendees. The vendors and shoppers I spoke with were very pleased. The new layout will definitely be used again next year.

The Harvest Festival offered a wonderful selection of pumpkins in all sizes and our little shoppers had fun choosing the very best ones. The museum set up a straw, pumpkin and cornstalk photo backdrop so guests could share memories with family and friends. This year also featured an old-time carnival area, a huge hit that will definitely be repeated. A big thank you to the Littleton Museum's Andrea Wilhelm, Steve Anderson (Farmer Steve) and

Cory Van Zytveld, who designed and painted the backdrops.

The participation of a huge number of Friends volunteers and extra efforts from

staff make these events run smoothly and be so successful. Thank you all!

Lisa Ohlgren
Board
President



Fiasco Finale! Thank you to everyone who performed in the amazing Fiasco Grand Finale at the Annual Meeting! Check the next *Oracle* for how to watch the recording online. "Fiasco was an absolute delight and I'm still marveling at the quality of the performances and the clever humor in the material," enthused longtime Littleton resident Margo Breen.

USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

Holiday Used Book Sale

Start your holiday shopping at the Used Book Sale! Shop thousands of top-quality books in 30+ categories. The very best of our donated books have been selected for this special sale.

Categories include: Colorado and the West, Music and Media, Fiction, Children's, Teens, America, Russia, British Isles, Health and Science, Sports, Classics, Crafts and many more. New selections are added every day, so plan to shop often!

The sale will run during regular library hours from Friday, Nov. 23 to Dec. 24, 2019. All proceeds help the Friends support the Bemis Library and Littleton Museum.

Used Book Sale



BEMIS LIBRARY

*TICKET / REGISTRATION

Events marked with an asterisk* require a ticket or registration. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961. Visit www.littletongov.org for more details on events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22: Senior Social Club with AWRC. The Aging Well Resource Center invites local seniors to socialize with your friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library. Come to knit, try out jigsaw puzzles, engage in lively conversation or just make new connections. This informal social group will meet every Friday in November, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Nov. 2: Musical Performance: Mark McQuery Trio. Enjoy the acoustic guitar musical stylings of the Mark McQuery Trio. 2 p.m.

Nov. 4: Senior Book Club. Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue, 2 p.m.

Nov. 5: Adult Gaming Night. Who says kids get to have all the fun? In this grown-ups only video game extravaganza, enjoy your chance to play with the PlayStation 4 VR and Nintendo Switch. 6–8 p.m.

Nov. 13: Bone Health. Bones are living tissue that respond to bone building care throughout life. Support lifelong bone health by knowing how to get all the nutrients your bones need. Presented by Jennifer McCalib, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers. 2 p.m.

Nov. 17: Crafts for Grownups: Purely Ornamental*. Handmade ornaments make an increasingly commercial season personal once more. Join us to create one-of-a-kind treasures to keep or give away. The library will provide supplies and space. You bring imagination and curiosity. These programs are for adults only. Space is limited. 2–4 p.m.

Nov. 18: Native Americans in Colorado with Active Minds. Join Active Minds as we tell the stories of the original inhabitants of Colorado. From Mesa Verde to the high plains, we will trace the civilizations of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pueblo and other tribes as we seek to understand Colorado's Native American history and legacy. 2 p.m.

Nov. 18: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. War & Turpentine by Stefan Hertmans, 7 p.m.

Nov. 21: Books @ Buck. Little Britches by Ralph Moody. We're partnering with South Suburban to provide a book group at the Buck Center! The discussion starts at 1 p.m., following the Thursday lunch (call 303-730-4605 for details on the lunch). 2004 W. Powers Ave., 1 p.m.

Nov. 21: Books & Beer: Brewing up Great Discussions. Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver. We're partnering with Blind Faith Brewing Co. to provide a new book group—at the brewery! Arrive earlier for happy hour prices. 2842 W. Bowles Ave., 6 p.m.

Nov. 23: Movie Matinée. See Yesterday, as a struggling musician realizes he's the only person on Earth who can remember the Beatles after waking up in an alternate timeline when they never existed. Free popcorn and lemonade at the movie. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Nov. 2: Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club*. For kids in grades K–5. 3 p.m.

Nov. 9: Paws to Read*. Kids in grades K–5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

Nov. 23–Jan. 6: Winter Reading Program*. A special program just for independent readers in grades 1–5. Pick up a reading log in the Children's Room beginning Nov. 23, read chapter books and record the number of pages read. Children will meet goals by completing a certain number of pages based on grade level. Finishers will receive a free book to keep plus other surprises.

Nov. 24: Stone Soup with Merry Andrew Afoot. Leroy Leonard, a one-man theatrical hoot, will re-enact the folktale "Stone Soup" with unusual ingredients, including a hungry tiger fish, a pickle named Ben and, of course, ROCKS! For all ages. 3 p.m.

Nov. 25: Play with Your Food. Get creative with Thanksgiving-themed food crafts. Make tepees and turkeys out of food, and then use them to decorate your Thanksgiving dinner table or just gobble them up! For ages 3 and older. 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 26: Drop-in Crafts. Get ready for turkey day with some make-and-take crafty fun. For all ages. 10–11 a.m.

Nov. 27: Movie Matinée: The Secret Life of Pets 2*. For ages 3 and up. Kids under 8 must attend with an adult. PG. 86 minutes. Reservations required beginning Nov. 13. 3–4:30 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Nov. 1: National Novel Writing Month—NaNoWriMo Kickoff Party. The world needs your novel. Join us for a celebration with snacks and creative fun as we kick off National Novel Writing Month. 2–5 p.m.

Nov. 8: Board Game Night. Play board games and enjoy snacks in the library after-hours. Teens must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. 5–7:30 p.m.

Nov. 23: Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping make the library better. 12–1:30 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 25 & 27: One-on-One Technology Help—30-minute time slots*. 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.

Nov. 4: Facebook Basics*. 9:30–11 a.m.

Nov. 11: Google Photos for Smartphones*. 9:30–11 a.m.

Nov. 18: Downloading eBooks with Libby*. Bring a compatible device and your library card number. (Compatible devices can be found here: <https://help.libbyapp.com/6105.htm>. Libby is not currently supported by Kindle or Nook devices.) 9:30–11 a.m.

Computer and Device Training: Open Computer Lab. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions every Thursday morning from 9:30–11 a.m. in the library's Computer Lab.

November Classes, One-on-One Tech Help & Open Computer Labs:

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LITTLETON MUSEUM



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- Smithsonian Institution Affiliate
- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
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The Way We Played

Through Jan. 3, 2021, Changing Exhibition Hall

Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages, especially adults. Using interactive stations, photographs of Littleton locals and their favorite toys, and artifacts from the Littleton Museum's Collection, visitors are invited to experience and recall the ways they played.

Own an Original: Destination

Friday, Nov. 22 ~ Sunday, Dec. 29, Fine Art Exhibition Hall

The 54th Annual Own an Original art competition, open to Colorado artists, is for any art medium except photography. This year's contest will be juried by Gwen Chanzit, Denver Art Museum Curator of Modern Art and the Herbert Bayer Collection and Archive Emerita, and the University of Denver's Director of Museum Studies and Full Professor of the Practice.

Wonder Wednesday: Visible Mending

Wednesday, Nov. 20, noon–1:30 p.m., The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum Lecture Hall

What is Visible Mending? The concept has gained popularity as people look to reduce waste, customize clothing and save money. Rather than patching or hiding repairs to ripped or worn clothing, we opt to repair with decorative stitching that is clearly visible, beautifully stitched and stronger.

We'll use the traditional Japanese embroidery, Sashiko stitching, to



repair small tears or worn spots in one of your favorite pieces of clothing. Building on the Sashiko stitching workshop held in June, attendees will apply those stitching skills to some visible mending projects. No worries if you weren't with us in June, we'll catch you up!

Bring a small piece of clothing or cloth with a bit of wear or a small tear to practice on. Visible mending is best done on cotton or other sturdy, natural fabrics. We'll start small, so you can move on to larger tears or holes at home. If you have a bit of fun fabric you'd like to patch, bring that as well. If not, we'll have fabric swatches to practice on. All materials will be provided.

This workshop is limited to 30 participants. Free tickets available at the museum starting Tuesday, Oct. 29. For more information, contact Jenny Hankinson, Curator of Collections, at mujh@littletongov.org or at 303-795-3950.

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Holiday's Evening

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 5:30–8 p.m.

The Friends of the Library and Museum and the Littleton Museum present Holiday's Evening. The gentle glow of luminaries and the crackle of bonfires will call as you wander the grounds and light the way to wagon rides, refreshments, and music reminiscent of times gone by. Children can visit with Santa Claus, and costumed interpreters will bring the past alive in the historic buildings and farmyard. Remember, December evenings can be crisp and Holiday's Evening is an all outdoors event; please dress appropriately.

- ❄ Tickets for Friends members will go on sale Saturday, Nov. 16, 2019. Adults: \$7, Children 2–16: \$3.
- ❄ Tickets for non-members/general public will go on sale Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019. Adults: \$10, Children 2–16: \$4.

Purchase tickets at Bemis Library or the Littleton Museum during normal business hours. (See the bottom of page 3 for hours.) Cash or check only. No refunds. Call 303-795-3950 for more details.

