

President's Message



Happy Holidays!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends. Now comes the busy but magical holiday season. The Holiday's Evening at the Museum on Sunday, Dec. 8, is a

special way to capture the nostalgia of earlier times with luminaria-lighted paths, bonfires and cider to keep you warm. Tickets are now on sale at the museum and library with special pricing for Friends members.

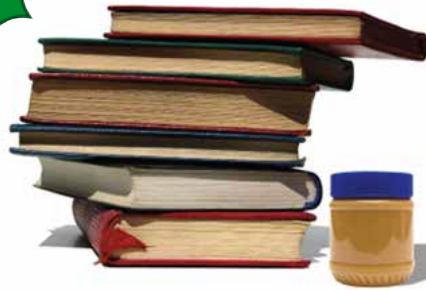
Shopping? Be sure to stop in at the museum shop, which always has fun items you don't find everywhere else, and enjoy your Friends discount, too. The Holiday Used Book Sale at the library has a terrific selection of excellent quality books at amazingly low prices. Great for giving—to friends, family and yourself!

Downtown Littleton is now lit for the holidays and all of the shops and restaurants are ready for you to visit. Our second downtown, Aspen Grove, will be festively welcoming shoppers and diners. The center offers complimentary carriage rides on weekends from noon until 3 p.m. for a fun break.

Our Post Office was celebrated for its official listing on the National Register of Historic Places on Nov. 9. Congratulations to Historic Littleton, Inc. and the Historic Preservation Board for their

efforts in gaining yet another recognition for Downtown Littleton's historic district.

Lisa Ohlgren
Board President



FOOD FOR FINE\$

Pay your library fees with non-perishable food!

Through Dec. 31. Donate a non-perishable unexpired food item to remove an overdue fine from your Bemis Library record through Dec. 31. One item of food equals one overdue bill of \$3 or less removed. This offer does not apply to lost or damaged books. The food will benefit Integrated Family Community Services, which helps people living in western Arapahoe County and northern Douglas County.

USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

Holiday Used Book Sale

Wrap up your holiday shopping at the Used Book Sale featuring the very best of our donated books! New selections are added every day, so plan to shop often!

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.

The sale runs during regular library hours from Nov. 22 to Dec. 24, 2019. Please hold your donations to after Dec. 26 so we can focus on the sale. All proceeds help the Friends support the Bemis Library and Littleton Museum.

Used Book Sale





Celebrate THE SEASON AT BEMIS!

Dec. 3: A Christmas Carol with Charles Dickens

Travel back to 1844 for an evening with Charles Dickens, portrayed by Chautauqua scholar and actor David Skipper. Dickens will read excerpts from *A Christmas Carol*, discuss his remembrances of Christmases past and explain the inspirations for this classic work. 7 p.m.

Dec. 7: The Polar Express*

Don't miss our annual celebration with a reading of *The Polar Express* and a wintry ride on an imaginary train! For families with children ages 3 and up. 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

Dec. 8: Gingerbread House Contest

Create a gingerbread house and compete to win \$25! The library will provide basic supplies. Any edible building materials are permitted. Houses will be on display at Bemis through Dec. 23 for voting. The creation with the most votes wins! Open to all ages. 2–4:30 p.m.

Dec. 14: Musical Performance: Smithsonian Christmas Concert

Littleton's Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble will celebrate the holidays with two concerts. 1 & 3 p.m.

Dec. 28: Movie Matinée: Miracle on 34th Street

See the original 1947 Christmas classic. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies served at the movie. 2 p.m.

Dec. 31: Noon Year's Eve Party*

Join the countdown to 2020 with treats, dancing, door prizes and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball... at noon! A performance by Bryce Jackman followed by a family dance party will ring in the New Year. For families with children of all ages. Call starting Dec. 16 to reserve your spot. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.



*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.littleton.gov for more details on events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Dec. 2: Senior Book Club. Maniac Magee by Jerry Spinelli. 2 p.m.

Dec. 9: Humor and Hope for Caregivers. Listen to, learn from and discuss the experiences of caregiving. Presenter Sylvia Talkington, RN has been involved in home health care for 30 years and is owner of Graceful Transitions. She assists seniors, elders and their families in meeting the challenges of caregiving. 2 p.m.

Dec. 11: Brain Health: Memory. Discover how good nutrition and healthy habits support memory. Presented by Charmaine Stockstill, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers. 2 p.m.

Dec. 15: Crafts for Grownups—Perfectly Present Crafts*. Join us for a different featured craft on the third weekend of every month. The library will provide materials and techniques. Just bring your creativity. 2–4 p.m.

Dec. 16: Discovery of the South Pole with Active Minds. Hear Active Minds tell the gripping story of the discovery of the South Pole by Roald Amundsen. Learn who perished and prevailed in this epic quest. 2 p.m.

Dec. 16: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. No meeting in December due to holiday dinner.

Dec. 19: Books at Buck. No meeting in December due to holiday.

Dec. 19: Books & Beer: Brewing up Great Discussions. The Geography of Bliss: One Grump's Search for the Happiest Places in the World by Eric Weiner. Arrive early to take advantage of happy hour prices. 2842 W. Bowles Ave. Littleton, CO 80120. 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Through Jan. 6: Imagine a Reading Wonderland: Winter Reading Program*. A special program just for independent readers in grades 1–5. Pick up a reading log in the library, read on your own and complete the challenges. Finishers will receive a free book plus other surprises.

Dec. 27: Movie Morning.* *Dora and the Lost City of Gold.* Follow Dora and her friends on the library's big screen. Snacks will be provided. For ages 3 and up. Children under age 8 must attend with an adult. PG. Length: 102 minutes. Reservations required beginning Dec. 13. 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 30: Warm Hands, Warm Hearts Story Time. Enjoy heartwarming books, and then make a keepsake project with your little one. For ages 1–3 and a caregiver. 10–10:30 a.m.

Dec. 30: Bit Coding with Ozobots. Are you into tech? Want to try out an Ozobot? We will guide you step-by-step in how they work, show you how they follow preprogrammed codes to do tricks and give you time to experiment in creating your own tracks and challenges for the robot to follow. For kids in grades K–5. 11 a.m.–noon.

TEEN EVENTS

Dec. 13: 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.

Dec. 21: Teen Advisory Group (TAG) Merry Cocoa-mas! Make a blanket fort, enjoy hot chocolate, snacks and a holiday movie. 5–7 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

All technology classes and open computer lab are offered from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. One-on-One Technology Help is available on Wednesdays by appointment only, from 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Dec. 2: iPhone Tips & Tricks*. Want to get the most out of your Apple device? If you already have the basics figured out, find out how to customize certain settings and make your iPhone work for you! We'll go over Spotlight Search, Siri, using the Control Center and more. Prerequisites: iPhone Basics class and iPhone with iOS 12 or newer (contact the library if you have questions about what iOS software you have). 9:30–11 a.m.

Dec. 4, 11 & 18: One-on-One Technology Help, 30-minute time slots*. Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address. Check schedule for the exact time on specific dates. 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

Dec. 16: Beginning Microsoft Word*. Learn how to create and edit a document with Word. We will learn basic formatting tools such as changing the font, making text bold or underlined and changing text alignment. We also will learn how to save and print documents. Prerequisites: Computer basics. 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. Practice your computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks to your device. No registration required.

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

- **Dec. 2:** iPhone Tips & Tricks*
- **Dec. 4:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.*
- **Dec. 5:** Open Computer Lab
- **Dec. 11:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.*
- **Dec. 12:** Open Computer Lab
- **Dec. 16:** Beginning Microsoft Word*
- **Dec. 18:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **Dec. 19:** Open Computer Lab
- **Dec. 26:** Open Computer Lab

- Accredited by the American Association of Museums
- Smithsonian Institution Affiliate
- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
- 303-795-3950



The Way We Played
Through Jan. 3, 2021, Changing Exhibition Hall

Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages, especially adults. By discovering and playing as kids, we grew strong, learned important social and tactile skills, and developed powerful relationships. It is the memory of these experiences, and our connection to our favorite toys, that evoke strong feelings of nostalgia for our younger years. Using interactive stations, photographs of Littleton locals and their favorite toys, and artifacts from the Littleton Museum's Collection, visitors of all ages are invited to experience and recall the ways they played.

Own an Original: Destination

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

In recent years, American culture has idealized the saying, "It's the journey, not the destination." A destination is really the end for which someone or something is going or sent. With so much focus on the journey, has the end point lost its meaning? What if the reason or objective of the journey held more value than the voyage itself?

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 Director of Museum Studies and Full Professor of the Practice, Museum Studies/Art History, School of Art and Art History, University of Denver.

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Tuesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

Bemis Library

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Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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Dec. 14

Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble,
Bemis Library

Dec. 16

Discovery of the South Pole,
Bemis Library

Dec. 31

Noon Year's Eve,
Bemis Library

through 2020

The Way We Played,
Littleton Museum

Holiday's Evening

Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019, 5:30–8 p.m.

Enjoy the crackle of bonfires, 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. December evenings can be crisp and Holiday's Evening is an all-outdoors event; please dress appropriately.

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.

* Friends members: Adults: \$7, Children 2–16: \$3.

* Non-members/general public: Adults: \$10, Children 2–16: \$4.

