Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum

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# President's Message



Happy Spring! Spring cleaning and organizing? Tired of paper clutter? If you still receive *The Oracle* in the mail, consider changing to the Digital Oracle, which is emailed in full color, easy to read and easy to find for future reference. Email Meredith Gipson

at mgipson@littletongov.org to update your preference. Save a tree and save the postage!

As the days get longer and warmer, it is the perfect time to take a stroll down Main Street to see what's new in shops and restaurants. Sit outside on the sunny side of the street and enjoy the energy and activity in one of the best small cities in America.

A walk around Ketring Lake and through the farms at the Littleton Museum offers a unique experience as spring arrives with baby ducks swimming, buds on the trees and green shoots springing from the ground. Of course, it is Colorado, and there could be a snowstorm or two as well. See what's in the changing galleries, be sure to check out what's new in the Museum Gift Shop and enjoy your 10% Friends' discount on anything

you buy.

Sadly, one of the Friends' longtime members and former president, Bill Leeper, passed away at the end of 2018. Our condolences to his family and friends. We received many memorial donations in his honor that will continue his legacy of service to the community.

Lisa Ohlgren Board President

# News & Notes

**HELP WANTED: Easter Egg Hunt.** Help fill the eggs on Thursday, April 11, 1:30 p.m., in the big room in the basement of the Bemis Library. We can also use help hiding the eggs on the day of the event. Arrive at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, at Ketring Park. Contact Al Stutson, 303-795-3584, alstutson37@gmail.com, with questions.

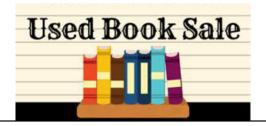
**Marmot Library Network.** Bemis has joined the Marmot Library Network, which provides access to over 4 million items plus an expanded collection of ebooks and eaudiobooks. Bookmark our newly enhanced online library catalog: <a href="mailto:bemis.marmot.org">bemis.marmot.org</a>.

**Career Online High School.** If you are an adult age 19 and up and live in the city of Littleton, this online diploma program may be for you. Fill out the online self-assessment to determine eligibility for a scholarship at <a href="https://www.colorado.careeronlinehs.gale.com/self-assessment">https://www.colorado.careeronlinehs.gale.com/self-assessment</a>.

**Smithsonian Affiliate Membership Benefits.** Friends members are eligible for reciprocal benefits from affiliates, such as the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, History Colorado and Telluride Historical Museum. Benefits may include free admission, gift store discounts and more. Visit <a href="https://affiliations.si.edu">https://affiliations.si.edu</a> for details.

#### USED BOOK SALE CORNER

The Used Book Sale is holding silent auctions consisting of valuable books collected throughout the year. We have the first Western, *The Virginian*, published in 1902; a *Book of Common Prayer* that belonged to a member of the Irish Parliament; an early edition of *The Fountainhead*; signed novels; and more. Stop in at Bemis Library to check out the options from March 2–30.



### 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.

#### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

March 4: Senior Book Club. And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini, 2 p.m.

March 5: Mountain Life. A Rocky Mountain Guide to Elevated Living by Life/Leadership Coach Jeff Pasquale. Learn about the author's three-year journey as he transitioned from seaside living to a mountain way of life. 7 p.m.

March 11: Golda Meir: Choices and Chances. Meet Golda Meir former Prime Minister of the State of Israel during this live portrayal by scholar Helen Trencher. Learn about the early years of her storied career from 1914–1948. 2 p.m.

# March 16: Musical Performance: Four Shillings Short—A Celebration of Ireland.

The husband and wife duo perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands and Medieval and Renaissance Europe using more than 30 world instruments, including the hammered dulcimer, mandolin, bodhran, and doumbek. 2–3 p.m.

# March 17: Crafts for Grownups at the Library—Farmer's Market, Here We Come!\*.

Use farmer's market staples to decorate cards, wrapping paper and a cotton tote bag for your next visit to the produce aisle. 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.

March 18: European Union: Brexit with Active Minds. In 2016, British voters elected to exit the European Union. With important deadlines looming, the future is full of uncertainty. Join us as we place this important transition in historic context and explore where the path may lead, not only for the UK, but the EU and the rest of the world. 2 p.m.

March 18: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving by Jonathan Evison.

#### March 23: Movie Matinee—Green Book.

A working-class Italian-American bouncer becomes the driver of an African-American classical pianist on a music tour through the Deep South in the 1960s. Enjoy free popcorn and lemonade. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

March 25: Road Scholar. Hear about new programs and opportunities for travel from a volunteer ambassador, Jean Adams. She will include travel photos and information about special programs including single travel. 2 p.m.

March 28: Books & Beer: Brewing Up Great Discussions. *Driving Miss Norma* by Tim Bauerschmidt. Join this book club at We're partnering with Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, a local business, to provide a new book group—at the brewery! Arrive earlier to take advantage of happy hour prices. 2842 W. Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80120. 6 p.m.

#### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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

# March 3: Read Across America with Inspector Magic's Super Hero Show. KAPOW!

Inspector Magic uses fun, magic and illusions that are all about Reading and Super Heroes. This interactive performance features historical heroes while promoting self-esteem and positive attitudes. For children of all ages. 3 p.m.

**March 9: Paws to Read\*.** Kids grades K-5 read to a furry friend. 10 a.m.-noon.

March 10: McTeggart Irish Dancers. Mc-Teggart, Colorado's Premier Irish Dance Academy, will "kick" off St. Patrick's Day celebrations at Bemis. For families with children of all ages. 3–3:30 p.m.

March 26: May the Force (of Static Electricity) Be with You! Learn how you can harness electricity to levitate and repel objects, power light tubes, propel space-craft and generate lightening in this *Star Wars*—themed exploration. For families with kids of all ages. 2 p.m.

March 28: Movie Matinée—Ralph Breaks the Internet\*. For ages 3 and up. Children under 8 must attend with an adult. PG. Length: 112 minutes. 3 p.m.

#### TEEN EVENTS

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

March 23: Teen Advisory Group (TAG)—4th Saturday of Every Month. TAG, you're it! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. 12–1:30 p.m.

# COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

Call 303-795-3961 to register and learn about prerequisites for the following courses:

- March 4: Libby on Marmot Library Network. Learn how to transition from Libby to the Marmot Library Network. 9:30–11 a.m.
- March 11: Meet the Website. Learn to search the catalog, access your account, and find our research databases. 9:30–11 a.m.
- March 20: Basic Canva. Learn to make beautiful graphics using a simple dragand-drop format. 6–7:30 p.m.

You can find details on these three courses at: <a href="https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/bemis-library/programs/computer-lab">https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/bemis-library/programs/computer-lab</a>.

**Instruction.** Call the library to register for classes and One-on-One Technology Help\*. No registration required for Thursday Open Computer Lab. Microsoft (MS) software classes use MS Office 2010. All technology classes and open computer lab are from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**One-on-One Technology Help.** Sign up for a 30-minute individualized appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address. One-on-One Technology Help is offered by appointment only on Wednesdays, 1:30–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- March 4. Libby on Marmot Library Network\*
- March 6. One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- March 7. Open Computer Lab
- March 11. Meet the Website\*
- March 13. One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- March 14. Open Computer Lab
- March 20. Basic Canva, 6–7:30 p.m.\*
- March 21. Open Computer Lab
- March 25. One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.\*
- March 27. One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- March 28. Open Computer Lab

### LITTLETON MUSEUM

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# Eye of the Camera "Evoke" Exhibition

Feb. 22-March 24, 2019

The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board proudly presents the 53rd Annual Eye of the Camera art competition. Open to Colorado photographers, the competition explores the concept, "Evoke." To evoke is to call forth or summon a particularly strong mental image, emotion, feeling or reaction to the conscious mind.

This year's competition has been juried by Gary Emerich, a fine art photographer, who has exhibited regionally and nationally, and is represented by Robischon Gallery in Denver. All of the pieces in the exhibit are available for purchase.

# Littleton Museum Summer Camps: Registration Open

Summer camp registration is open at www.eventbrite.com (search Littleton Museum in the Event field). For more information, call the museum at 303-795-3950 or email musw@littletongov.org. Friends receive 10% off all camps!

Adventures in History, \$200 Adventures in History camp offers children interested in history the opportunity to experience life in the South Platte Valley in the 19th century. This camp is for kids going into 4th, 5th or 6th grade in the fall of 2019. June 3–7, July 8–12, and Aug. 5–9.

Critters and Crafts, \$100 Critters and Crafts is a fun and educational camp for kids going into kindergarten and 1st grade in the fall of 2019. Sessions are halfday with the morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. June 18–21 and July 16–19.

Young Pioneers, \$100 Young pioneers is an abbreviated version of the Adventures in History camp, and is for kids going into 2nd and 3rd grade in the fall of 2019. Sessions are half-day with the morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. June 25–28 and July 23–26.



### March 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

See demonstrations of cheesemaking, help churn ice cream and butter, and learn about cows and the dairy industry in 19th century Colorado. It's a fun day for all and admission is free. For more information, please call the Littleton Museum at 303-795-3950.



### Friends Board of Directors

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## **Contact Information**

#### **Littleton Museum**

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120 303-795-3950, musbk@littletongov.org www.littletongov.org/museum/events Tuesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

#### **Bemis Library**

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120 303-795-3961, bemislib@earthlink.net www.bemisteen.blogspot.com www.littletongov.org/bemis Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m. Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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March 10
McTeggart Irish Dancers

March 23
Green Book

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Golda Meir Live Portrayal

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Dairy Day

# Friends Easter Egg Hunt, April 20

