

President's Message



Hooray! Our Summer Concerts on the museum lawn begin Wednesday, June 12! We host these free concerts every Wednesday at 7 p.m. through July with the exception of July 3. Invite your friends and new

neighbors. Bring blankets or mats for front seating, or chairs for seating toward the back and sides. Purchase food from the food truck beginning at 5:30 p.m. or bring snacks or a picnic from home. Once again, we're offering a fun variety of music, from rhythm and blues to rock 'n' roll



to jazz to country.

If you haven't yet signed up for the Summer Reading Program, A Universe of Stories, stop in the library and do so. It just started on May 28, so there is still time, and there are prizes!



Our longhorn Devonshire oxen are back after their training stint learning to help Farmer Steve plow the fields. They are always a visitor favorite, and the

neighborhood children have been anxiously waiting for their return. Be sure to stop in and see them as you enjoy all the library and museum have to offer this summer.

*Lisa Ohlgren
Board President*

2019 Creative Writing Contest

The 52nd Annual Children's Creative Writing Contest awards presentation was held April 28 at Bemis Library. This year's speaker



was Len Vlahos, a young adult author and co-owner of the Tattered Cover bookstores. His wise words were encouraging to all ages to appreciate the value of writing and reading.

Each year, since 1967, the winning entries of the Creative Writing Contest have been bound and preserved as a special part of the

Bemis Library collection. These books are available for viewing in the Children's Department of the Library. The 2019 edition will be available this summer.



It is never easy to judge and select the winners for competitions such as this. We are sincerely grateful to our judges: Barb Bowman, Cindy Christensen, Angela Engel and Alys Novak.

Thank you to our committee—Diane Murphy, chairperson, Susan

Meeker and Lisa Hendry—and a special note of appreciation to Barb Brann and Lisa Ohlgren for their help with the contest and awards program. Please contact Lisa Hendry at FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com if you would like to help with the 2020 contest.

Congratulations to the Winning Authors!

Grades 1–2

Maddie Leuenberger, Short Story 1st
Riley Moore, Short Story 2nd
Addison Bow, Short Story 3rd
Olivia Wall, Poetry 1st
Nell Stalilonis, Poetry 2nd

Grades 3–4

Abigail Meier, Short Story 1st
Caleb Meier, Short Story 2nd
Kathryn Shipman, Short Story 3rd
Manny Hernandez, Short Story 3rd
Caleb Meier, Poetry 1st
Lily Stalilonis, Poetry 2nd
Abigail Meier, Poetry 3rd

Grades 5–6

Julia McGarrity, Short Story 1st
Clare Lessard, Short Story 2nd
Juliana Gaines, Short Story 3rd
Allie Hawins, Short Story 4th
Delaney Kitchens, Poetry 1st
Cailey Devlin, Poetry 2nd
Emily Urbanek, Poetry 3rd
Emily Williams, Poetry 4th

Grades 7–8

Courtney Urbanek, Short Story 1st
Josephine Schell, Short Story 2nd

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

Bemis Summer Reading Programs*.

Summertime means participating in the summer reading program, A Universe of Stories. The library has a program for every reader: infants, children, teens and adults. Stop by Bemis anytime during the summer to register. There are tons of prizes to win and exciting events to attend before the program ends on July 31.

June 3: Senior Book Club. *Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI* by David Grann, 2 p.m.

June 4: Capitals of the World. Richard Gibson, author of *A Celebration of State Capitals*, will feature 25 small towns across America that claim to be a unique "capital of the world." 7 p.m.

Mindfulness Workshop Series: Learn to Live in the Here and Now*. These five mindfulness classes not only explain mindfulness, but teach you how to practice mindfulness in different ways in your life. Each class includes an exercise so you can experience practicing mindfulness first hand and take your first steps into being present in your life. Thursdays at 6 p.m.

- **June 6:** Grounding Class – Being Present in Your Body

- **June 13:** Mindfulness in Daily Life

- **June 20:** Self-Awareness Class—Inner Growth through Mindfulness and Self-Reflection

- **July 11:** Mindful Eating

- **July 18:** Mindful Communication

June 10: The Life of Baby Doe Tabor. Hear Tracy Beach, author of *Frozen to the Cabin Floor: A Biography of Baby Doe Tabor*, discuss the life of the Silver Queen of Colorado. 2 p.m.

June 11: Side by Side: Out of a South Korean Orphanage and into the World. Documentarians Glenn Morey and Julie Morey will show their film *Side by Side* about the stories of infants and children separated from their South Korean families of origin over the last 60 years. Q&A with the filmmakers follows the 38-minute film. 7–8:30 p.m.

June 15: Music Concert: Summer of '71. Enjoy tunes from the '70s with musicians "Gunny" Jeff Norman and "Bad Bob" Langolis. 2 p.m.

June 16: Crafts for Grownups: Games to Go*. Ah, road trip season. We're making some old-fashioned fun with miniature, easy-to-pack versions of games like mancala, checkers, memory and more. Adults only, space is limited, and registration is required. 2–4 p.m.

June 17: Aviation: From Kitty Hawk to Today with Active Minds. Hear a review of aviation from the Wright Brothers to the increased use of drone aircraft. 2 p.m.

June 17: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger, 7 p.m.

June 18: Fly Me to the Moon: NASA's Golden Age and the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing. Through remastered and previously unseen period video and images, watch this re-creation of the day humans walked on the Moon. 7 p.m.

June 22: Movie Matinée. In *On the Basis of Sex*, future Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg launches her career fighting for gender equality. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

Senior Safety Workshop Series with South Metro Fire. South Metro Fire will present a series of five safety workshops on Mondays at 2 p.m.

- **June 24:** Fall Prevention

- **July 1:** Fire Safety

- **July 8:** Senior Health and Aging Successfully with Littleton Adventist Hospital

- **July 22:** How to minimize Risks and Remain Living Independently

- **July 29:** Pedestrian and Community Safety for Seniors

June 25: George Custer: Separating Fact from Fiction. George Koukeas presents little-known facts about General Custer, including achievements and involvement in the Indian Wars. 7 p.m.

June 27: Books & Beer: Brewing up Great Discussions. We're partnering with Blind Faith Brewing Company to provide a new book group at the brewery! For our next meeting, read *Unthinkable: An Extraordinary Journey Through the World's Strangest Brains* by Helen Thomson and arrive earlier for happy hour prices. Blind Faith Brewing Company, 2842 W. Bowles Ave., Littleton, 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

June Family Entertainment. For families with kids 3 years and older. Wednesdays at 3 p.m.

- **June 5: Magic is from Mars, Juggling is from Jupiter.** Ann Lincoln uses comedy, magic and juggling to emphasize the importance of reading.

- **June 12: A Visit from The Downtown Aquarium.** Meet a variety of non-fish animal ambassadors from the Downtown Aquarium.

- **June 19: Scott McCray—Now THAT'S Funny.** Scott's magic show is a wonderful blend of close-up magic, comedy and audience participation.

- **June 26—Stories of the Stars.** Join puppeteer Patti Smithsonian as she enacts hilarious stories with colorful shadow puppets.

June School Age Programs—For kids entering Grades 1-5. Tuesdays at 3 p.m.*

- **June 4: Radical Rainforests.** The Butterfly Pavilion will take you on a virtual journey through the diverse rainforest biome.

- **June 11: Alien Adventures.** Make Space Slime and join SpaceTime on a virtual space mission.

- **June 18: Tootin' for Newton: A Universe of Physics.** Learn about objects at rest and in motion by pulling a tablecloth from under your dishes. 3 or 4 p.m.

- **June 25: Rocket Academy.** Learn about space and rockets with Da Vinci Adventures. Create and launch your own rocket. 3 or 4 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

A Universe of Stories—Summer Reading Events*. Attendance at the following programs earns you a chance at weekly prize drawings.

- **June 6: Faster Than Light Fiction.** Put your writing skills to the test and compete for prizes in a flash-fiction writing competition. 2–4 p.m.

- **June 13: Rocket Launch.** Decorate and launch your own small engine model rockets outside - weather permitting. 2–4 p.m.

- **June 20: Small World Terrariums.** Create tiny decorative dioramas of what life may look like on other worlds. 2–4 p.m.

• **June 27: Space Escape Room.** Solve the escape room with your team before time runs out. Register for only one time slot. 1–2 p.m., 2:30–3:30 p.m., 4–5 p.m., 5:30–6:30 p.m., or 7–8 p.m.

Summer events. The following programs do not qualify for Summer Reading prize drawing entries.

June 14: Laser Tag*. Permission slip required. Pick yours up on the Teen Deck. Teens may attend only one Laser Tag event. 5–7 p.m.

June 22: 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.

June 26: Talent Show Auditions. 5–8:30 p.m.* The Teen Talent Show will be on July 17, 7–9 p.m.

June 28: Talent Show Auditions. 1–4:30 p.m.* The Teen Talent Show will be on July 17, 7–9 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

June 3: Getting Started with Genealogy Databases*. Begin your family history search by learning how to use the library's subscription genealogy databases. We'll introduce students to Ancestry Library, HeritageQuest, MyHeritage and America's Obituaries. Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse). Library card required for subscription database access. 9:30–11 a.m.

June 17: Beginning Microsoft Excel*. Learn the basics of this powerful spreadsheet program. We'll cover setting up and using spreadsheets, entering and editing data, creating basic functions and formulas and naming our sheets. Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse). 9:30–11 a.m.

June 24: Gmail Basics*. Learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google. We'll go over reading, sending, forwarding and replying to emails as well as attaching files and downloading attachments. Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and Internet basics (knows how to navigate a web browser). 9:30–11 a.m.

June 26: 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 (or equivalent knowledge of Apple devices) and iPhone with iOS 11 or 12 installed (contact the library if you have questions about what iOS software you have). 6–7:30 p.m.

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.

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

- **June 3:** Getting Started with Genealogy Databases*
- **June 5:** One-on-One Tech Help*
- **June 6:** Open Computer Lab
- **June 10:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.*
- **June 12:** One-on-One Tech Help*
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- **June 17:** Beginning Microsoft Excel*
- **June 20:** Open Computer Lab
- **June 24:** Gmail Basics*
- **June 26:** One-on-One Tech Help*
- **June 26:** iPhone Tips & Tricks, 6–7:30 p.m.*
- **June 27:** Open Computer Lab

Tech Table. Join us this summer for our Tech Table! Every other Friday we will showcase one of our technologies including robots and circuitry systems. We'll also have a special Saturday event for Virtual Reality gaming. The Tech Table is open to all ages and there is no registration required. Drop by to try out a new technology. 2:30–4 p.m.

- **June 21:** Moss
- **June 29:** All ages virtual reality gaming
- **July 5:** Lego Mindstorms
- **July 19:** Snapcircuits / Ozobots
- **August 2:** Sphero

***Courses.** Call 303-795-3961 to register and learn about prerequisites for these courses.

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World Wide Knit in Public Day

*Saturday, June 8, 10 a.m.–noon, free**

World Wide Knit in Public Day is an international event that encourages experienced and novice knitters/fiber-lovers alike to come out and knit together in public places.

Bring your knitting (crochet, sewing, quilting, spinning, felting, embroidery, etc.) and meet new fiber friends as we sit outside on the grounds of the Littleton Museum. Afterwards, visit the historic farms (see the sheep) and the exhibits inside the museum. In the event of inclement weather, the event will move inside to the Friends Lecture Hall.

Be sure to bring your project; your own supplies (we'll have limited supplies on hand, too); camp chair or blanket (limited chairs available); hat; sunscreen; water bottles. Please note: Pets, food and drink are not permitted inside museum grounds. Water bottles are fine!

Sashiko Stitching with Cari Roberts

Wednesday, June 12, noon–1 p.m.

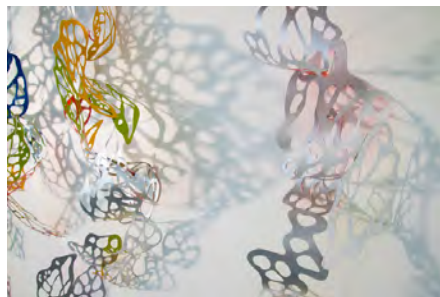
*Free; limited to 30 participants; tickets available at the museum**

Friends Lecture Hall

Sashiko, or little stabs, is a folk textile tradition that began in Japan in the 1600s. Originally a method to add weight and warmth to fabric, it was used to stitch old pieces of cloth together into new clothing for poor people.

Today, we most often see sashiko in repairs on denim and as decorative additions to clothing and housewares. Its repetitive, simple stitching is both beautiful to wear and meditative to make. Join us as local embroidery artist Cari Roberts shows you how to stitch traditional patterns and play with needle and thread. All supplies provided; no sewing experience necessary.

**For questions or more information, contact Jenny Hankinson at 303-795-3954 or mujh@littletongov.org*



Play of Light: Works by Jane Guthridge

Friday, June 28–Sunday, Aug. 25

Fine Art Exhibition Hall

Inspired by the brilliance of Colorado's sunshine, Jane Guthridge succeeds in manipulating thin, layered materials and altering the directionality of light. Playing with the very nature of light, she manages to capture the intangible by copying shapes made by natural dappled sunlight and shadows, then abstracting those compositions. Whether suspended, layered or reflected, the "light forms" she creates evoke familiar visions of a moment in nature.

According to Guthridge, "I have always been interested in looking closely at nature and find that the vast areas of wilderness in the West allow for a deeper contemplation of the ethereal qualities of the natural world—the rich colors of the land, the gentle curve of plants, the patterns of dappled light through trees. I abstract and reconfigure these patterns to convey the underlying rhythms and harmonies of our environment, creating a space that is somewhere between the real and the imagined."

This exhibition will feature a combination of large installation pieces and smaller dimensional work by Guthridge, inviting visitors to explore the transcendent nature of light across various media and dimensions.

Guthridge is represented by the Space Gallery in Denver, and has participated in numerous group and solo exhibitions in the past few years. She was commissioned to create a wall sculpture for the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu.

Integrated Pest Management

You might have noticed something new around the Littleton Museum: small white triangular traps near our doorways. These sticky traps are used by the Collections division staff to see what sort of bugs are getting into the museum building from the outside. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is how museums track bugs and other pests, and help minimize damage to artifacts as well as the structure of the museum.

As most of you know, food and drinks (except water) are not allowed inside the museum to prevent insects such as ants from getting in. Ants are prey for larger, predatory insects such as spiders and centipedes. All of these creatures create nests, webs or other micro-environments that attract other types of pests, including silverfish, clothes webbing moths, mice and dermestid beetles, which also like to snack on materials found in some of our collections. Books, furniture, wool and cotton are tasty to these pests, and they can cause significant damage to our historic objects.

The sticky traps we use are safe to be around, but we ask that you don't touch them. They have a super-sticky adhesive that will stick to your skin (or shoe). We are tracking the kinds of bugs in these traps to target specific areas for preventative treatment. This helps us to minimize the amount of sprays and other chemicals around the museum!



2019

SUMMER CONCERTS

at Littleton Museum

JUNE		JULY	
6/12	MICHAEL FRIEDMAN BAND <i>High energy rhythm and blues, contemporary jazz, and vocals</i> <i>Food Truck: Devil Dog Grill</i>	7/10	DELTA SONICS <i>Chicago blues, swing, delta, R&B, and early rock n' roll</i> <i>Food Truck: Mile High City Sliders</i>
6/19	DAKOTA BLONDE <i>Acoustic rock, bluegrass, and folk</i> <i>Food Truck: Mile High City Sliders</i>	7/17	THE CONSTANT TOURISTS <i>Gypsy jazz and zydeco</i> <i>Food Truck: Devil Dog Grill</i>
6/26	SIX FOOT JOE AND THE RED HOT RHINOS <i>Horn-driven rock and blues</i> <i>Food Truck: Devil Dog Grill</i>	7/24	THE RANSOM NOTES <i>Folk, bluegrass, and Americana</i> <i>Food Truck: Mile High City Sliders</i>
		7/31	THE USUAL SUSPECTS <i>Blues, rock, country, 70's pop</i> <i>Food Truck: Devil Dog Grill</i>

Concerts start at 7 p.m. and are **FREE** to the public.

Food truck service is available beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Concert Etiquette: Place chairs that could obstruct the view of others at the back or along the sides of the lawn.

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Our Egg-citing Easter Egg Hunt

