

President's Message



Happy August!

The Summer Reading Program was a huge success again this year and another resounding "Thank You" to the South Metro Land Conservancy for their most generous donation

of books that were eagerly earned as prizes by many of the children.

The Summer Concerts at the Littleton Museum were wonderful and well attended as always and the food trucks were enjoyed by many of us.



If you haven't yet had a chance to see the exhibit "Play of Light: Works by Jane Guthridge" at the museum, stop by. It is lovely, a

little different and inspired by the brilliance of Colorado's sunshine. The exhibit continues until Aug. 25.

Western Welcome Week is coming up Aug. 9–18 and the Friends will again host the famous Bag of Books Sale at Bemis Library. What a great opportunity to pick up some good reads to savor this fall.

If you would like to get to know more Friends members—and you have some extra time—consider volunteering at the Book Sale table at Bemis or at the Library or Museum. It is a wonderful way to contribute to our community, meet new people and reconnect with old friends. A few hours a week can make a difference!

Lisa Ohlgren
Board President



Summer Reading Program a Universal Success!

Bemis Library readers went to the moon and beyond with their reading this summer. Nearly 2,000 children, more than 450 teens and 500+ adults participated in our A Universe of Stories Summer Reading Program! The library thanks those who so generously contributed to the program—your support was out of this world.

» Alamo Drafthouse Cinema Littleton » Applebee's Grill » Café Terracotta » Chick-fil-A Aspen Grove » Chipotle Mexican Grill » Cold Stone Creamery Aspen Grove » Colorado Rapids » Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakhburgers » Lakeside Amusement Park • Romano's Italian Restaurant » Rubio's Coastal Grill » Skate City of Littleton » South Suburban Parks & Recreation » Tattered Cover Book Store

We offer a *special thanks* to the South Metro Land Conservancy and the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

\$4 Bag of Books during WWW!

Don't miss our 11th Annual Bag of Books Sale from Friday, Aug. 9, through Sunday, Aug. 18, in the Bemis Library atrium. During this Western Welcome Week tradition, you select from a wide variety of books, fill a provided bag and pay only \$4!

Donation Vacation in August

The Used Book Sale is taking a Donation Vacation for the entire month of August. Please hold on to your books during this period and we will be happy to receive them in September.

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

Senior Social Club with AWRC—Fridays in August.

The Aging Well Resource Center (AWRC) invites local seniors to socialize with your friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library Friday mornings in August, 9:30–11:30 a.m. 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 August. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Aug. 3 & 4: Lego City—International Space Station. Visit an interactive space-inspired Lego City exhibit in Sophie's Place at the library. The display is courtesy of the Colorado/Wyoming LEGO Users' Group and the Denver LEGO Users' Group. Aug. 3: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.; Aug. 4: 1–5 p.m.

Aug. 5: Senior Book Club. *Death of a Salesman* by Arthur Miller, 2 p.m.

Aug. 13: Two Muslim Women in America. Author Connie Shoemaker's book, *Taste the Sweetness Later: Two Muslim Women in America*, tells the stories of two Muslim women who arrive in Colorado as refugees fleeing dictators in Iraq and Libya. The author and her book's subjects, Nisren and Eman, will join us for this special program. 7 p.m.

Aug. 15: Outdoor Concert: Two Faces West. See the electric rock 'n' blues band, Two Faces West, perform on the front lawn of the library. The band's music is a fiery blend of rock and blues with a touch of funk. Hot dogs, brats, burgers and beverages will be available for purchase beginning at 5 p.m. Food tent provided by Interstate Catering. 6–7:30 p.m.

Aug. 18: Crafts for Grownups: Clutter-Busting Crafts*. Just in time for the new school year, let's get organized in style! We'll make clever caddies for desk essentials, quirky cork boards, fun fabric boxes and more. 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.

Aug. 19: Leonardo da Vinci with Active Minds. Hear about the life, work and lasting impact of Leonardo da Vinci, "Renaissance Man" and creative genius. 2 p.m.

Aug. 19: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. *Remarkable Creatures* by Tracy Chevalier, 7 p.m.

Aug. 22: Books & Beer: Brewing up Great Discussions. We're partnering with Blind Faith Brewing Co. to provide a new book group—at the brewery! Each month, read a nonfiction book about a social, economic, or historical topic, and then meet to discuss it over a beverage. For our next meeting, read Galileo's *Middle Finger: Heretics, Activists, and the Search for Justice in Science* by Alice Dreger. Arrive earlier to take advantage of happy hour prices. Blind Faith Brewing Co., 2842 W. Bowles Ave., 6 p.m.

Aug. 24: Captain Marvel. Movie matinee. 2–4 p.m. PG-13.

Aug. 29: Creative Aging Workshops—Exploring Identity and Memory through Creative Writing*. Whether or not you identify as a writer, this workshop will lead you through a simple process to transform your personal narrative into poetry. Participants will mine their memories and celebrate the stories that uniquely define each of us. 2–4:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Aug. 5: Fun in the Sun. Enjoy a quick summertime story and then head outside for a variety of "cool" activities such as water games, sidewalk chalk, hopscotch, hula hoops and more. Dress to get wet! For children of all ages. 11 a.m.–noon.

Aug. 10: Paws to Read*. Kids in grades 1–5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

Aug. 14 & 24: Story Time with Tinkergarten*. Hear an end-of-summer story time led by local Tinkergarten leaders. For ages 18 months–8 years old. Aug. 14: 10 a.m.; Aug. 24: 3 p.m.

Aug. 16: Drop-In and Build. Create and construct with materials such as Legos, Duplos, Lincoln logs, Marble Run and Tinker Toys. For families with kids 5th grade and younger. 3–4:30 p.m.

Aug. 20: Drop-in Crafts. Enjoy make and take crafty fun. For all ages. 10–11 a.m.

Aug. 21: An Ocean of Stories. Explore what you might find at the beach during this ocean-themed story time. For ages 1–3 with a caregiver. 10–10:30 a.m.

Aug. 28: Caterpillars—Watch Us Grow! Meet live caterpillars and learn about their life cycle. They will reside at the library so you can return and observe them as they grow and change. A butterfly release party will be scheduled in three to four weeks so we can watch them venture out into the world. For ages 3 years and older. 4 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Aug. 3: D & D 101*. Learn the basics about Dungeons & Dragons from experienced players, create your character and set off on your own first adventure. Each participant will be given a set of dice to keep. 2–5 p.m.

Aug. 9: 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.

Aug. 15: Oregon Trail LIVE*. The retro video game comes to life as you navigate the trail, survive the elements and make your way toward victory. Try not to die of dysentery. Multiple times.

Aug. 24: Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. noon–1:30 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 1–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Aug. 2: Tech Table—Sphero. Join us this summer for our Tech Table! We will showcase one of our technologies including robots and circuitry systems. 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.

Aug. 5: Editing Photos Online*. BeFunky is a powerful, free photo editor that you can use online. In this class we'll learn how to upload our photos, use basic editing techniques and add text to our photos. Note: Registration required and class size limited to 10 people. Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse). 9–11:30 a.m.

BEMIS LIBRARY

Aug. 7, 14 & 28: 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.

Aug. 12: Social Media Crash Course*. Get a quick overview of three popular social media sites: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We'll create an account on each site, as well as go over what they're best used for, how to create your own posts and how to interact with others. Note: Registration required and class size limited to 10 people. Prerequisites: Computer basics (familiarity with keyboard and mouse) and an active email account (please contact library if you need assistance creating an account). 9–11:30 a.m.

Aug. 21: Best Mobile Apps*. There's an app for that! Come discover our favorite free mobile apps for everything from meditation to workflow to photography. Apps will be for both Apple and Android devices. Prerequisites: Smartphone. 6–7:30 p.m.

Aug. 26: One-on-One Tech Help*. 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. 30-minute time slots. 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.

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

- Aug. 1: Open Computer Lab
- Aug. 2: Tech Table–Spheros, 2:30–4 p.m.
- Aug. 5 Editing Photos Online*
- Aug. 7: One-on-One Tech Help*
- Aug. 8: Open Computer Lab
- Aug. 12: Social Media Crash Course*
- Aug. 14: One-on-One Tech Help*
- Aug. 15: Open Computer Lab
- Aug. 21: Best Mobile Apps, 6–7:30 p.m.*
- Aug. 22: Open Computer Lab
- Aug. 26: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.*
- Aug. 28: One-on-One Tech Help*
- Aug. 29: Open Computer Lab

SAVE THE DATE Friends Annual Meeting Friday, Sept. 20

The Friends' Annual Meeting features food, drinks and special entertainment featuring a Fiasco review at the Littleton Museum! The meeting is a wonderful opportunity to meet, greet and catch up with members of the group during a delicious and fun evening. The meeting portion will be brief with the annual report, election of officers and announcement of Distinguished Volunteer Service Award recipients. Seating will be limited to 120.

The proposed slate of officers is:

- President: Lisa Ohlgren
- 1st Vice President: Lisa Hendry
- 2nd Vice President: Ali Recek
- Secretary: Pat Rodriguez
- Treasurer: David Womack
- Director: Laura Hampton
- Director: Al Stutson
- Director: Kelly Anton
- Director: Carolyn Hinkley

Additional nominations may be made by members from the floor. A registration form is included in this Oracle or you may register at the front desk of the library or museum.

Friends Board of Directors

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Past President:.....Susan Meeker
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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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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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Play of Light: Works by Jane Guthridge

Through 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. Whether

suspended, layered or reflected, the "light forms" she creates evoke familiar visions of a moment in nature.

This exhibition features a combination of large installation pieces and smaller dimensional work, 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.



The Littleton Museum is looking for dedicated volunteers to work in the front and contemplative gardens. Volunteers will:

- Clip, trim, cut, plant and transplant approved flowers and shrubs.
- Clean out flower beds as needed.
- Help prepare the beds and gardens for the different seasons.

Volunteers must be able to:

- Bend, lift 25–30 pounds, and carry tools and plants.
- Work around dirt and the elements, outdoors and often in bright sun.
- Be around normal types of outdoors bugs, bees and other vermin.
- Use a shovel, hoe, rakes and other tools.

Gardening experience is preferred. The schedule is variable, but weekly is preferred. For information, contact Jenny Hankinson at 303-795-3954, or mujh@littletongov.org.