

The Friends Donate \$200K to the Library and Museum

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum recently donated an additional \$100,000 each to the Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum—all thanks to your support. We appreciate your involvement with these valuable community institutions, so tell your friends: Memberships start at just \$15!



Donations at Work: A new scissor lift at the museum



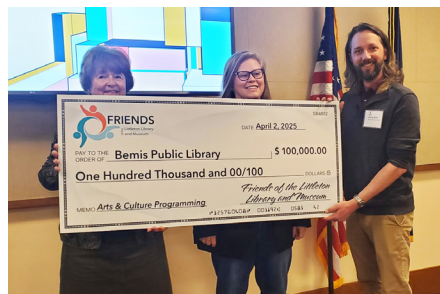
Visit the Used Book Sale!

The Friends Used Book Sale at Bemis Public Library offers affordable books and media to the community by recycling books responsibly. Visit the sale during regular library hours (cash preferred) and don't miss these special sales:

July 11–27: Christmas in July

Dec. 5–21: Holiday Sale

To donate books and media, visit FriendsLittleton.org > Programs & Events > Used Book Sale.



Presenting the big checks: (Left) J.D. McCrumb, Friends vice president; Tim Nimz, Littleton Museum director; Kelly Anton, Friends administrator; Laura Hampton, Friends president. (Right) Lisa Ohlgren and Jordan Eis, Friends board members; Dennis Quinn, Bemis Public Library director.

Get Your Application In!

Booths are filling up fast! 250+ crafters and 19,000+ shoppers love the event for the friendly people, community spirit, and early holiday shopping—plus raising valuable funds for library and museum programming.

Oct. 4, Ketring Park. * Apply at LittletonCraftFair.org.



Potential Funding Impacts for the Library & Museum

Some Friends members are asking about the possible impact of Executive Order 14238, signed March 14, 2025, directing the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to reduce operations to the bare minimum required by law. The Bemis Public Library, Littleton Museum, and patrons and visitors would be impacted by the dismantling of IMLS. For details, visit FriendsLittleton.org.

The Friends earn hundreds of dollars a quarter for the library and museum through our members' shopping. To participate, visit KingSoopers.com. Login, select My Account, select Community Rewards at left, then find the Friends (organization #XL433).

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGISTRATION & INFO

To register for a program:

- Call the library at 303-795-3961, or
- Visit the Events Calendar at <https://bemis.libcal.com/calendar/events>

To sign up for the library's monthly eNewsletter for a full list of programs, visit library.littletonco.gov > Get Involved > Join Our eNewsletter.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

International Film Series Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Immigrant Resource Center present a celebration of films from cultures around the world. Films TBD.

June 22, 2 p.m. Ukraine
July 27, 2 p.m. Haiti
Aug. 24, 2 p.m. Argentina

The 1913 Englewood Flood: One Man Dead, Another on Fire, and Free Pie for All, June 24, 6:30 p.m. In 1913, Englewood was hit with a devastating flood right before the first-ever Englewood Day celebration. The community response provides a window into life in Englewood when the city was growing from a Wild West outpost to a modern suburb and a look at the culture of Colorado in the years before World War I.



Littleton + Bega, Sister Cities, July 15, 6:30 p.m. Learn about Littleton's sister city, Bega, New South Wales, Australia. The Littleton Bega Sister Cities Exchange was started 64 years ago by Houstoun Waring, editor of the *Littleton Independent* and Curly Annabel, editor of the *Bega District News*, as a way to share each city's unique culture and heritage with the other. Participants will share stories, pictures, and artifacts from past trips to Australia and provide information about the planned 2026 trip.

Choosing Long-Term Care: Rights and Protections for Older Adults, July 22, 2 p.m. The decision to move a loved one into a long-term care facility is never easy, but there are tools to help guide the process. The Denver Regional Council of Governments ombudsman program provides education and advocacy about the rights of residents in long-term care facilities and information about how to choose the right care.



SUMMER READING BEGINS MAY 27

Color Our World Summer Reading Kickoff, May 31, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Celebrate the start of summer reading with colorful activities for all ages: squeegee painting, sidewalk chalk, window markers, and more.

Bookish Bingo, June 17, 6 p.m. Come play bingo at the library. Enjoy prizes, reading ideas, and refreshments and discuss what you're reading, watching, and listening to this summer. Registration required.

Lotería, July 12, 1 p.m. Join friends and neighbors of all ages to play Lotería. This traditional Mexican game of chance is similar to bingo. Presented in English and Spanish. *Únete a amigos y vecinos de todas las edades para jugar a la Lotería. Este tradicional juego de azar mexicano es similar al bingo. Se presenta en inglés y español.*

FAMILY PERFORMANCES

Entertaining programs for families with children of all ages. Tuesdays, 11 a.m.

June 3: LocoMotion: The Science of Motion

June 10: Hunk-Ta-Bunk-Ta-Music

June 17: Puppet Tales with Magic Dave presents The Buzzing Butterfly

June 24: Playground Theatre Acting Workshop

July 1: Rocky Mountain Puppets presents Prism Break

July 8: Art Theft: A Dog Comedy featuring Denise Gard and her Famous Border Collies

July 15: The Flying Debris Show

July 22: Mad About Hoops

July 29: Adventure of the Missing Color presented by Science Heroes

TEEN (GRADES 6–12) PROGRAMS

Join us every Wednesday!
*Registration Required

June 4, 2 or 3:30 p.m.: Teen Summer Reading Field Day*

June 11, 2 p.m.: DIY Art Supplies*

June 18, 2 p.m.: Rainbow Boba*

June 25, multiple times: Dungeons & Dragons*

July 2, 2 p.m.: Minute-to-Win-It Games*

July 9, 2 p.m.: Cellophane Stained Glass*

July 16, 2 p.m.: Tie-Dye Tote Bags*

July 23, multiple times: Escape Room*

July 30, 2 p.m.: Teen End-of-Summer Party

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Thursdays, 2 p.m.
For children entering grades 1–5
*Registration Required

June 5: Kindness Rocks!

June 12: LEGO Printmaking

June 26: Colorful Suncatchers*

July 3: Sensory Bottle Lab*

July 10: Origami Birding*

July 17: Bug Safari presented by the Butterfly Pavilion*

July 24: Color Our World with Science Matters*

July 31: Play Dough Workshop

LITTLETON MUSEUM

MUSEUM INFO

The Littleton Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate.

- For details on events, visit museum.littletonco.gov and click Events & Programs.
- To sign up for the bimonthly newsletter, visit museum.littletonco.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Sign Up to the Newsletter.

EVENTS

May 30–Aug. 10: *Port de Banana*. Lio-Bravo Bumbakini's works in mixed media abstractions and surrealism tell the story of the symbolic first point of contact between the Western world and Bantu Tribes in the region.

June 27–April 19, 2026: *Kate Ferretti: The Life of a Colorado Hat Maker*. Learn about the remarkable life of a nationally renowned artist and her five decades of millinery in Denver.

June 7, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.: Divine Bovine. Fun activities teach about the importance of working cattle and their roles providing milk, muscle, and meat.



Artist Talk: June 5, 5:30 p.m. (RSVP to 303-795-3950)



Opening Reception, June 26, 5:30 p.m.

Friends Board of Directors

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If you're interested in serving on the Friends board, email friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com.

Contact Information

Littleton Museum

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
303-795-3950, LittletonMuseum.org
Tuesday–Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Last entry 4:30 p.m.

Bemis Public Library

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961
Bemis.Marmot.org, Library.Littletonco.gov
Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Friday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Sunday 1–5 p.m.

Websites: FriendsLittleton.org, LittletonCraftFair.org

Email: FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com

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Seven Wednesdays in June & July
6:30 - 8 p.m.

Sponsored by:



June 4 - 17th Avenue Allstars

June 11 - Jeff Johnson and Company

June 18 - Juice O'The Barley

June 25 - Delta Sonics

July 9 - The Ninety Percent 90s

July 16 - The ThreadBarons

July 23 - Dakota Blonde

Littleton Museum front lawn

Join us on the Littleton Museum front lawn for seven free concerts in June and July, sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum! Bring a blanket or chair, a picnic, cash for ice cream treats to benefit the library and museum programming—and your dancing shoes!



Saturday
June 7, 2025
10 am - 3 pm

6028 S. Gallup St. | Littleton, CO 80120



**Hands-On
History Day**



Homeschool students (grades K-5) and their parents are invited to learn about the work of livestock and their owners in 19th century Littleton at a homeschool-focused event. Pre-registration required.

ACTIVITIES

- Identify chicken breeds and what's a "good egg"
- Milk a mechanical cow named "Bessy"
- Spin raw wool into yarn
- Preserving meat through smoking
- See horse training and tack

EVENT DATE

**SEPT 15
2025**

6028 S. GALLUP ST
LITTLETON, CO

PRE-REGISTRATION
OPENS JULY 8 AT 9 A.M.
at littletonmuseum.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION: littletonmuseum.org

Library Speakers Consortium Events

Register for upcoming talks from bestselling authors and thought leaders. Here's a small sampling of what's to come this summer.

Wednesday, May 21, 12 p.m. How Judy Blume Rewrote Childhood for All of Us with Author Rachelle Bergstein.

Wednesday, June 4, 12 p.m. Extinctopedia—A Discovery of What We Have Lost, What is at Risk, and What To Do About it with Smithsonian Scientists.

Tuesday, June 10, 12 p.m. Unexpected Twists and Turns with Bestselling Author Lisa Jewell.

Wednesday, July 23, 2 p.m. Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship with Rex Ogle (5–8 grade)