

## President's Message



I hope this finds you well and avoiding the COVID-19 virus. As I write this, all library and museum events are suspended until further notice and both facilities are accessible only to staff. To check for updates, visit [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) to

find a wealth of community information.

Sadly, we've had to cancel the Friends annual Easter Egg Hunt. Instead, we'll share this little historical tidbit about Easter egg hunts in Littleton. Thank you to Phyllis Larison, who is performing research for Ed Bemis' biography, for sharing this. When discussing social activities sponsored by the Episcopal church, Ed mentioned an annual Easter egg hunt that Richard Little held in the 1890s. "At Easter time, Mr. Little would hide colored eggs all around his place. His home was a stone house located at 215 Rapp Avenue. South of the house there was a gulch and then his place extended on to the old Episcopal Manse, which is now located at 317 Rapp Avenue. There are lots of trees and bushes through that area under which he hid these eggs. Mr. Little's annual Easter Egg Hunt was quite an affair." Trust us, the Friends Easter Egg Hunt is usually quite an affair, too!

I can't predict when things will return to normal in Littleton, but one thing I know for sure—you can get outside and enjoy our 7-mile Crabapple Route. The route showcases these fabulous blooms and runs between the library and museum. It's a great fresh air activity on foot, on a bike or in the car!

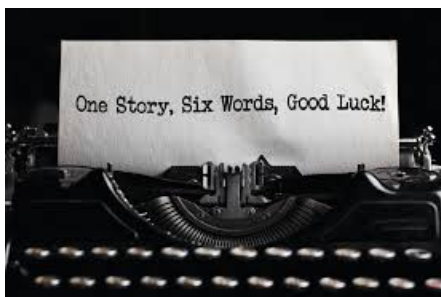
Lisa Ohlgren  
Board President

## 8 Things to Read, See & Do from Home

With library and museum programming—plus theaters, dine-in options and sports—unavailable for the time being, the Friends board and library staff are here to help you fill the time. Visit the Bemis Public Library [Digital Downloads](#) page to find out how you can access the library's wealth of resources using your various devices. (Visit [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) and then click eMaterials > Digital Downloads at left.)

1. Read *A Grip of Time* by Lauren Kessler, a great book about a creative writing group in prison.
2. Delve into Littleton's history at [www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org), where you can read history and search the [museum's collection](#). From the home page, click My Littleton to get started.
3. Listen to the audio book *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, an inspiring account of the University of Washington rowing team in 1936 in its quest for Olympic gold.
4. Hear a Dial-A-Story from Bemis Library! Call 303-795-3960 and hear a storybook selection read by one of your favorite children's librarians.
5. Watch one of your favorite actors read a picture book at [www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net).
6. Visit [Scholastic Learn at Home](#) for daily projects to keep kids reading, thinking and growing.
7. Catch up on your reading, cleaning, organizing and yardwork!
8. Play Dungeons & Dragons, a role-playing game of imagination where you tell a collaborative story with your friends. The best part is, this game can be whatever you want it to be! Do you want to be a divine hero? A mischievous thief? A guardian of nature? A grumpy wizard? You can be all of those things and more! The basic rules of the game are available for free at [dndbeyond.com](http://dndbeyond.com), and more books are available at the library when we resume service! This game can be played in short sessions or for long hours at a time! It's a versatile, cooperative, creative outlet for school-age kids through adults!





## 5th Annual Six-Word Story Contest: April 1–22

Enter the fifth annual Bemis Public Library's Six-Word Story Contest April 1–22 and you could win a cash prize! Submit your story at the library or online at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

Cash prizes will be awarded to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12–18), and children (age 6–11).

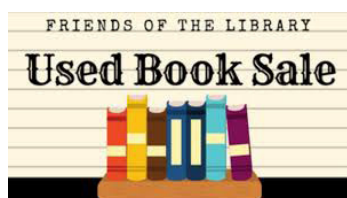
- \$50 for 1st place winners
- \$30 for 2nd place winners
- \$20 for 3rd place winners

Awards will be announced via the library's newsletter and social media accounts.

## USED BOOK SALE

### Donation Vacation

The Used Book Sale will take a Donation Vacation through Friday, April 17, 2020. During this time we will review, sort, clean and stock from our current overstock. This Donation Vacation will help present a better and more organized selection of books. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Library & Museum Closed through April 30

The City of Littleton has closed all facilities through April 30, including the library and museum. This means that all events and programs are canceled for April and tentative for early May. For updates, visit the [Library & Museum Events](#) page of the Littleton city website ([www.littletongov.org](http://www.littletongov.org) and click City Services > City Departments > Bemis Library > Library & Museum Events) or call 303-795-3961 (library) or 303-795-3950 (museum).

Fortunately, our wonderfully dedicated and creative teams at the library and museum are pulling together to bring a little joy to our friends and neighbors during these challenging times. It's a great reminder of how much we impact the quality of life in Littleton. Click [here](#) for details on the following online and phone-based events.

April 2: Dungeons & Dragons Online, 4–7 p.m.

April 3: Senior Social Conference Call, 9:30–11 a.m.

April 3: Virtual Book Club – Fiction, noon–1 p.m.

April 6: Mindful Moments Virtual Meditation Session, 2–3 p.m.

April 7: Virtual Book Club – Nonfiction, noon–1 p.m.

April 9: Bemis Board Game Night @ Your House, 5–9 p.m.

April 10: Senior Social Conference Call, 9:30–11 a.m.

April 14: A Virtual Lesson in the KonMari Method 6–7:30 p.m.

April 15: Tranquil Tangle Online Draw-Along, noon–2 p.m.

April 16: Dungeons & Dragons Online, 4–7 p.m.

April 17: Senior Social Conference Call, 9:30–11 a.m.

April 17: Mindful Moments Virtual Meditation, 2–3 p.m.

April 23: Ultimate Werewolf Online, 5–7 p.m.

April 24: Senior Social Conference Call, 9:30–11 a.m.

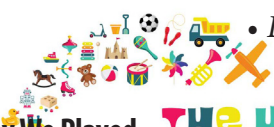
April 24: Reel Life in the Virtual World, 6–8 p.m.

April 29: Girls Who Code, 5–7 p.m.

April 30: Dungeons & Dragons Online, 4–7 p.m.

# LITTLETON MUSEUM

- 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 **THE WAY** Through Jan. 3, 2021 **WE PLAYED**

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.

### 2020 Eye of the Camera Photography Exhibition: Artificial vs. Natural

Facebook Only, Click [Here](#)

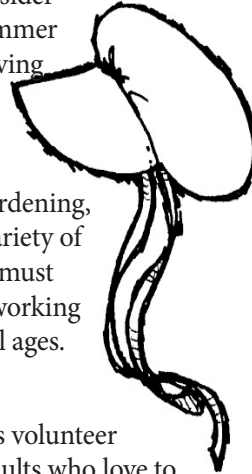
Angela Faris Belt, Program Chair for the Studio Art and Art History programs at ACC, juried this exhibition featuring more than 50 local artists.



### Museum Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a little free time and enjoy working with people? The museum is looking for the following volunteers.

- **Youth Volunteers:** Students 14 to 17 years old, consider spending the summer helping on the living history farms. Dressed in 19th-century costume you will learn gardening, cooking and a variety of other skills. You must be comfortable working with people of all ages.



- **Living History**

**Interpreter:** This volunteer position is for adults who love to live in the past. Dressed in period costume, you will interpret the history of 19th-century Colorado. Experience in cooking, fiber arts, farming, gardening or related skills is preferred but training is available.

- **School Group Greeter:** This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for a retired teacher or any adult who has experience working with children and is comfortable speaking in front of large groups.

For more information or for a volunteer application, please contact Suellen Winstead at 303-795-3711.

### Summer Job: Camp Coordinators

Seasonal, May 19–Aug. 7

The Littleton Museum has an exciting opportunity for two seasonal Summer Camp Coordinators. The coordinators oversee and coordinate the museum's summer camps for children, recreating daily life activities using the museum's resources of buildings, livestock, land area, and historic artifacts and objects. The ideal candidate will be age 18+, have a love of history and enjoy working with and educating children. This is an excellent opportunity for college students, teachers and others seeking seasonal summer employment. For more information or to apply, visit [careers.littletongov.org](http://careers.littletongov.org).

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## Contact Information

### Littleton Museum

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[www.littletongov.org/museum/events](http://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](mailto:bemislib@earthlink.net)  
[www.bemisteen.blogspot.com](http://www.bemisteen.blogspot.com)  
[www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://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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LITTLETON FINE ARTS BOARD  
**2020 Eye of the Camera**  
*Juried Photography Exhibition*

**CLICK HERE TO VIEW ON FACEBOOK!**

ARTIFICIAL



NATURAL

*Juried by Angela Faris Belt*

**March 20 to April 26, 2020**  
**VIRTUAL EXHIBIT ON FACEBOOK!**



**Friends Members Receive a  
 10% Discount!**

Register at Eventbrite by searching on the camp name or visiting these links:

<https://adventuresinhistory2020.eventbrite.com>

<https://youngpioneers2020.eventbrite.com>

<https://crittersandcrafts2020.eventbrite.com>

**Adventures in History**

Your young scholar will learn what life was like in Littleton and the South Platte Valley in the 19th century. Working as part of a team, they will engage in enriched learning through hands-on activities, such as blacksmithing, cooking, games and performance.

**Ages:** going into 4th, 5th or 6th grade in the fall

**Cost:** \$200

**Dates:** June 1–5; July 13–17; and Aug. 3–7

**Times:** Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

**Young Pioneers**

Young Pioneers summer camp teaches kids what it was like to live as a pioneer in 1860s Colorado. They will learn history while participating in fun and educational hands-on activities such as cooking, crafts, games and gardening.

**Ages:** going into 2nd or 3rd grade in the fall

**Cost:** \$125

**Dates:** June 15–19; June 23–26; July 21–24; and July 28–31

**Times:** Tuesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Critters and Crafts**

Sign up for Critters and Crafts and your child will explore a whole new world of farm animals they can see, smell, hear and touch! Campers learn about the care of farm animals through interactions, crafts and stories.

**Ages:** going into Kindergarten or 1st grade in the fall

**Cost:** \$100

**Dates:** June 9–12; July 7–10

**Times:** Tuesday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon



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## *Special Insert*

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### **A SIMPLE WAY TO GIVE TO THE FRIENDS!**

As of this tax year, the new Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit program called ReFUND CO allows taxpayers to directly support an eligible Colorado-registered charity with a simple designation on their state income tax return.

Last year alone, the state of Colorado issued almost \$1 billion in refunds to 1.9 million tax payers. Even if individuals only donated half or one-third of their refunds, that could equal more than \$333 million in philanthropic support for nonprofits in Colorado.

To participate, look for the “Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit” line on your tax return or tax software and enter the Friends details below.

- FRIENDS OF THE LITTLETON LIBRARY AND MUSEUM, INC.
- Registration # (enter on tax return): 20053000797
- Location: LITTLETON, CO