

## President's Message



April 18–24 is National Volunteer Week, and it's an opportunity to appreciate and acknowledge the impact volunteers make and say a heartfelt "Thank

you!" We know it's been hard to volunteer recently with limited opportunities to serve in-person. However, the Friends do have opportunities for you to help:

- Serve as writers and researchers
- Plan to help at upcoming events
- Serve on a committee or the board
- Offer suggestions for Distinguished Volunteer Service Award recipients
- Sign up for the Friends' King Soopers Community Rewards Program
- "Like", follow, comment and support us on Facebook
- Say "yes" when called upon

Do you have a volunteer idea that supports the Friends' mission or are you ready to help? Contact us at 303-819-4443 or [FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com).

We will always face challenges—there may never be enough money, personnel, resources or time. However, when a community of people comes together to support the institutions and causes that add value to our lives, anything is possible.

Please see my blog, *Volunteers: A Defining Moment*, for a personal example of how a group of volunteers was instrumental in overcoming a seemingly insurmountable challenge.

Sincerely,  
Lisa A. Hendry  
Board President



*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."*

—Elizabeth Andrew,  
Anthropologist and Volunteer



**Rita Derjue, 1934–2020.** The Friends organization lost a dear friend in Rita Derjue last summer. A renowned artist, activist and educator in Littleton, Derjue was passionate about preserving views of the Rockies and protecting historic buildings. Her works, featuring strong brush strokes and vibrant colors, have been shown in more than 100 exhibits across the Front Range, including at the Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library.

When Rita passed away, we learned that she left a very generous gift of nearly \$45,000 to the Friends to help support our community. We will miss Rita but her legacy will live on through the Friends, her family and her stunning artwork.

## Friends News: Library Contests & Craft Fair

### Sixth Annual Six Word Story Contest: April 1–21

Enter the sixth annual Bemis Public Library Six Word Story Contest for a chance at cash prizes in three age categories: adult (19+), teen (12–18) and children (6–11). Winners in each category will receive \$50 for first place, \$30 for second place and \$20 for third place. Enter online at [bemismarmot.org](http://bemismarmot.org) (click the Six Word Story Contest button). A sampling of winners from last year:

*"We were about to yell 'Surprise!'"*

—Sydney Hoover, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Children

*"A family traded for empty bottles."*

—Isobella Veitch, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teen

*"Her last breath was his first."*

—Andrea Sisk, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Adult

### National Library Week: April 4–10

Libraries connect, engage and transform communities—and during this past year, they became more

important than ever. Bemis invites our community members to share how engaged you have been with the library, even when the library was closed. What has the library meant to you during the pandemic?

Share your story and enter the drawing online at [bemismarmot.org](http://bemismarmot.org) (click the National Library Week 2021 button). All participants will be entered into a drawing for a gift card to a local merchant or restaurant.

### It's On! 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Craft Fair!

As health conditions continue to improve and in-person events return, we look forward to celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends Craft Fair on Oct. 2, 2021. We're hoping all you crafters out there will join us!

The application link is: <https://www.eventslocal.com/events/1213/apply>. This should be a terrific year featuring lots of shoppers with pent-up demand.

# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## MODIFIED HOURS

Bemis is open as follows:

- Monday–Friday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Sundays & Holidays, Closed

For updates on library access, call 303-795-3961 or visit <https://bemis.libguides.com/coronavirus>.

## LIBRARY SERVICES

- Online Chat Reference service is available Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon.
- Curbside service will continue on an as-needed basis during hours of operation.
- In-person classes, programs, story times and technology appointments are not available.
- Study rooms are available for up to two people for one hour per day.
- The Littleton Immigrant Resource Center is available by appointment only. Call 303-795-3968.

## SAFETY MEASURES

- Building capacity is limited. Once capacity has been reached, a one-out-one-in policy will be implemented.
- Please plan brief visits and prepare to wait outside the library if capacity has been reached.
- Be prepared for wait times to enter Bemis. If the building is at capacity, visitors will not be allowed to wait in the lobby. Visitors will need to wait outside the building or in their cars. Dress for the weather in case you cannot immediately enter the library.
- Patrons must wear a mask or face covering while at the library.
- Computer sessions will be limited to one hour per person per day.

## REGISTRATION FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

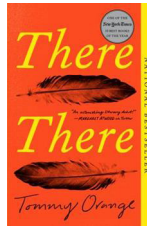
To participate in any of these programs, call the library at 303-795-3961 or go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org).

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions in the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org).

**April 2: Virtual Fiction Book Club.** *There, There* by Tommy Orange. 1 p.m.

**April 7: Virtual Senior Book Group.** *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides, 1 p.m.



**April 14: Virtual Nonfiction Book Club.** *The Weather Machine: A Journey Inside the Forecast* by Andrew Blum, 1 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**Senior Social Club: Thursdays in April.** Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats. Join the call from a [computer](#) or phone (301-715-8592, Meeting ID 987 926 117). 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**April 1 & 8: Writing from the Right Side of Your Brain.** Join performance poet and storyteller SETH for these workshops that explore the fun of playing creatively with language. Registration required. 2 p.m.

**April 1, 15 & 29: Board Games @ Your Home.** Drop in for just a little while or play the whole night! No registration required, family-friendly and open to all ages. 5:30–8 p.m.

**April 6: Virtual Travel Training 102b.** In this continuing training from DRMAC (Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council), learn master tricks to maximize the RTD experience such as using bike racks, finding help, support for accessibility and more. 2 p.m.

**April 13: Money Challenges: Tactics for Now and Later with Canvas Credit Union.** Bemis is partnering with Canvas Credit Union for Financial Literacy Month. Hear practical tips to manage personal cash flow, saving, spending and borrowing right now and when challenges come your way. 2 p.m.

**April 19: National Parks with Active Minds.** Our national park system includes 392 sites (58 national parks), over 83 million acres of land and hosts

over a quarter million visitors per year. Active Minds tells the story of the development of the U.S. National Parks System and highlights notable parks and their stories. 2 p.m.

**April 20: Virtual Travel Training 103.** In this final training from DRMAC (Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council), maximize your total transit experience. Learn about Lyft, scooter providers and other community rideshare options to integrate your transportation from doorstep to bus stop and beyond. 2 p.m.

**April 22: Creating a Healthy Home with Natural Grocers.** Did you know there are toxic compounds found in your home that may be damaging to your health? Join Kelly Andis from Natural Grocers for tips and tricks to help you create a healthier home. 2 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Dial-A-Story.** Call 303-795-3960 ANY-TIME to hear a picture book read by a Bemis Children's librarian. Stories change weekly.

**Grab & Go Craft Kits: Available April 1.** Starting April 1, call the library to register for the monthly Grab & Go Kit that contains a fun activity for kids of all ages to work on at home. One kit per child, while supplies last.

**Books and Blankets Outdoor Storytime: Thursdays in April.** Storytime returns for kids of all ages...outdoors on April 1. Bring your kids and blankets, weather permitting. Storytime will be held unless temperatures drop below 45° or in the event of high winds, snow or rain. Call the library to register. Space is limited. 10:15–10:45 a.m.

**Bemis Book Buddies: April 7 & 14.** Do you love books? Here's your chance to read anything you like and share it through a Zoom link with other book lovers your age. Visit the Children's Programs page at [bemis.marmot.org](https://bemis.marmot.org) for the Zoom link, dates, times and more information. 4–5 p.m.

- April 7: Grades 1–3
- April 14: Grades 4–6

# LITTLETON MUSEUM

**Zoom Story Times: Monday, Wednesday & Friday.** Children and their caregivers can log on for songs, stories and early literacy fun with a Bemis Children's Librarian. Visit the Children's Programs page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) for the Zoom link. 10–10:30 a.m.

- Monday: All Ages Story Time
- Wednesday: Baby/Toddler Story Time (under age 3)
- Friday: Preschool Story Time (ages 3 and up)

## TEEN EVENTS

**Teen Talk Tuesday: Every Tuesday.** Hang out, play games and stay connected in weekly Zoom meetings. Register through the link on the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). 4–5:30 p.m.

- April 6 & 20: Jack Box/Digital Board Games
- April 13 & 27: Dungeons & Dragons

**April 8 & 22: Among Us.** Try to finish your tasks and suss out the imposters among us. Participants will need access to the game Among Us on a computer or mobile device. Registration required. Register through the link on the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). 4–5:30 p.m.

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- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120 • 303-795-3950

## "MYTHS AND LEGENDS" PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION



Littleton Fine Arts Board 2021 Eye of the Camera Juried Photography Exhibition



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The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board is proud to present the 55<sup>th</sup> Eye of the Camera fine art photography competition. This year's exhibition was juried by John Barnabas Lake, Photo Area Coordinator and Interim Foundations Coordinator at the School of Art and Design and College of Performing and Visual Arts at UNC–Greeley. Lake selected 42 artworks

from 24 artists for the show, which will be on display from Friday, March 19, through Saturday, April 24, 2021.

Visitors are required to maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing from other visitors and are encouraged to limit their time at the museum to 1 hour. Masks are required. For information, please call the 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  
[littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
Tuesday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by reservation  
Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

### Bemis Public Library

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961  
[bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) (Register for a Library Card at left)  
[bemisteens.blogspot.com](http://bemisteens.blogspot.com)  
[www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)  
See [littletongov.org/bemis](http://littletongov.org/bemis) for current hours

**Website:** [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org)

**Blog:** <https://friendslittleton.org/friends-blog>

**Email:** [friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com)



LOGON FOR VIRTUAL DAIRY DAY!



# DAIRY DAY 2021

## Littleton Museum

Visit [bit.ly/LMDairyDay](https://bit.ly/LMDairyDay) on or after **Friday, March 26** for the Littleton Museum's virtual dairy day. Tour a dairy farm, make ice cream, churn butter, create milk paint and more!



Join us for a behind-the-scenes look at how ice cream, butter and milk are made!

through April 24

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