

## Board Message

April is a busy month in our world with many Friends-supported activities at the library and museum. Join in the fun!

**National Library Week April 3–9.** Seven years after Littleton’s incorporation in 1890, the city established its first library of 275 books in a downtown pharmacy. Bemis Public Library will celebrate this anniversary with activities and giveaways. Plus, enjoy a library-themed book this month like *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean (L.A. library fire), *The Paris Library* by Janet S. Charles (WWII Paris) or *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict (J. P. Morgan’s librarian).

**National Volunteers Week, April 17–23.** The library and museum enjoy the help of many volunteers, including Boy Scouts, citizens and Friends members who help with everything from the Craft Fair to the Used Book Sale. To all of our volunteers, a hearty *Thank You!*

**Easter Activities.** On Saturday, April 16, at 10 a.m., bring your children to Ketring Park for the Easter Egg Hunt and other festivities. Also, enter the Jelly Bean Counting Contest at the library and museum for your chance at a prize!

**New Museum Exhibition.** From April 1–June 25, check out *Patterns of Consumption* by artist Kalliopi Monoyios. She explores our complex relationship with plastic, including how plastic products make modern life efficient and comfortable while plastic waste is the root of much of the world’s pollution problems. Don’t miss it!

**Used Book Sale.** Make an appointment with Kristi Moran at 303-795-3965 to donate your gently used books to one of our biggest fundraisers.

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Your Friends’ Board*



**April 3–9: Celebrate 125 Years of Littleton’s Library.** Littleton established its first public library in 1897, and over the last 125 years, the

Littleton library has had several incarnations—behind the counter at the town pharmacy, in the Carnegie building that now houses The Melting Pot, even in the Town Hall building—before relocating to its current home in 1965. Celebrate our long history with activities, giveaways and fun library facts. On April 9, enjoy a sweet treat from The Snowy Churro food truck from 3–5 p.m.



**April 1–21: Seventh Annual Six Word Story Contest.** Ages 6+, enter the seventh annual Bemis Public Library Six Word Story Contest. Cash

prizes will be awarded to winners in three age categories: adult (age 19+), teen (age 12-18), and children (age 6–11). Winners in each category will receive 1st Place–\$50, 2nd Place–\$30 and 3rd Place–\$20 prizes. Awards will be announced in the library’s enewsletter and social media accounts. To enter online, visit the library’s website [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) and click the Six Word Story Contest button.



## The Littleton Immigrant Resources Center Returns!

Since its inception in 2009, the Littleton Immigrant Resources Center (LIRC) has served immigrants on the pathway to citizenship using cultural exchange between staff, volunteers and immigrants to foster a more inclusive and integrated community. The library is happy to announce that City Council recently voted to fully restore LIRC services and funding to pre-Covid levels effective immediately. We express our deepest gratitude to Program Supervisor Glaucia Rabello (above left), who has been resilient in the face of much uncertainty and a tireless advocate for the immigrant community.

# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## PROGRAM/REGISTRATION

To register for a program, call the library at 303-795-3961 or visit the Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

## BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and Zoom discussions in the [Events Calendar](#).

**April 6: Senior Book Group.** For ages 50+, *Crying in H-Mart: A Memoir* by Michelle Zauner, 1–2 p.m.

**April 13: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club.** For ages 21+, *The Secret Life of Groceries: The Dark Miracle of the American Supermarket* by Benjamin Lorr. Meets at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**April 20: Evening Book Club.** For ages 18+, *Celine* by Peter Heller. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**April 7, 14, 21, 28: Senior Social Club.** Ages 50+. Chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**April 1: Mundo Mistico–Paraguay.** Ages 16+. Each month, we explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. In-person/virtual, registration required.

**April 7: Senior Property Tax Refund Demonstration.** Ages 65+. Need help with the online Senior Property Tax Refund form? Chromebooks and library/city staff will be available for those who want to complete their form that day. 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

**April 7 & 21: Stitch Circle.** Knitters, crocheters, embroiderers and the curious, join Stitch Circle in [TheStudio@Bemis](mailto:TheStudio@Bemis). Bring in your own projects or come to learn the basics. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**April 8: Board Games @ Bemis.** All ages. Drop in after-hours for board games, pizza and snacks. 5–7 p.m.

**April 14: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.** Ages 18+. Join a BMoCA educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMoCA's current exhibition, *3/ Works* by Kevin Townsend, and create a piece of

art inspired by the show. Registration required. 2–3:30 p.m.

**April 16: Tee Totes.** Ages 10+. Repurpose a favorite T-shirt into an Earth-friendly reusable grocery bag (sewn or not). Registration required: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.

**April 19: Gardening in Colorado–Pests in the Garden.** Hear a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County Colorado State University Extension Office discuss challenges and solutions to local gardening issues, including pest control. 6–7 p.m.

**April 21 & 28: Romance Writing Workshops.** Ages 50+. These writing workshops, hosted in partnership with Think 360 Arts, focus on sharing emotional connections through the romance genre. Registration required. 1–2 p.m.

**April 23: Plant and Seed Swap.** Bring leftover seeds, houseplants and seedlings to the library for this community gardening exchange. Participants will be entered into a raffle for a gift card to O'Toole's Garden Center. 1–3 p.m.

**April 25: The Titanic with Active Minds.** Hear about the ill-fated maiden voyage of the Titanic as well as the discovery and salvage operation that began over 70 years later. 2–3 p.m.

**April 27: Dungeons & Dragons.** Ages 10+. Roll the dice, join a group and let your imagination soar. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Teen volunteer Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service hours for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.



**April 30: El Día de los Niños/El Día de los Libros.** All ages. Join us for el día de los niños/ el día de los libros (children's day/day of books), an annual festival celebrating children, books and Mexican culture. Celebrate this holiday at the library with musical performers, food and traditional crafts. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**April 9: Paws to Read.** Kids in grades K–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Registration required for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**April 16: Drop-In Discovery Art.** Kids in grades 5 and under, drop in and explore different art materials and techniques. 1–3 p.m.



**April 22: Illustrating Your Story–Birthday Traditions.** Kids in grades K–5 create their own illustrated family birthday stories based on the colorful works of Artist Carmen Lomas Garza. 3–4 p.m.

**Wednesdays & Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis.** Bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared outside on the lawn. In poor weather conditions, story time will be held in the meeting room downstairs. No registration required. Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a nametag. 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

**Dial-A-Story.** Call 303-795-3960 ANYTIME to hear a picture book read by one of the Bemis Children's librarians. Stories change weekly.

## TEEN EVENTS

**April 6: Plastic Art.** Grades 6–12, use plastic in unique ways to help create a large-scale public art piece for display on the Littleton Museum grounds. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

**April 13: Teen Advisory Group.** Grades 6–12, help improve the library, earn community service credit, make friends and have fun. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event in May. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

**April 20: Tween Tuesday–Peep Culture.** Grades 5–12, create scenes from films, pop culture and books using marshmallow Peeps and fun supplies. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

# LITTLETON MUSEUM

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## TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

**In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times.** All ages. Sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian.

**April 14: Tech Class–Pinterest.** Ages 18+. Learn the basics of Pinterest, a social media platform and digital bulletin board. Prerequisites: Browser use and an email address. Registration required. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

## THE STUDIO@BEMIS

**TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times.** All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult), sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in TheStudio@Bemis makerspace. Registration required.

**April 12 & 26: TheStudio@Bemis Open Lab.** All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult), drop in to learn more about the space and resources. 4–6 p.m.

**April 28: TheStudio@Bemis–Intro to the Digitization Station.** Ages 18+, learn to preserve your precious family memories digitally. Prerequisites: Basic computer skills. Registration required. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



**Retired!** Keith Wynkoop has helped build every exhibit you’ve seen at the Museum since 1994. For nearly 28 years, he’s set up the Harvest Festivals, lit the bonfires for Holiday’s Evenings, laid out the tent spaces for Craft Fairs, and built a surprising amount of infrastructure for the farms. We are deeply thankful for the time and quality craftsmanship Keith gave to the Littleton Museum. If you see a tall gentleman driving an exquisitely restored classic car in Littleton, that may be Keith. Give him a wave!

## Can’t Miss Exhibits & Events

### April

*Friday, April 1*  
Patterns of Consumption exhibit opens

*Saturday, April 2, 2 p.m.:*  
Artist Talk with Kalliopi Monoyios

*Wednesday, April 27, 5:30–7:30 p.m.*  
pARTy: Plastics

### May

*Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*  
Sheep to Shawl

### June

*Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.*  
Draft Day

*Wednesday, June 15, 6:30–8 p.m.*  
Ryan Shupe Concert

*Wednesday, June 22, 6:30–8 p.m.*  
Juice O’The Barley Concert

*Wednesday, June 29, 6:30–8 p.m.*  
Jeff Johnson & Company Concert



## Friends Board of Directors

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303-795-3950, [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
Tuesday–Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m.,  
last entry 4:30 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays

### Bemis Public Library

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[bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org), [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)  
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Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.–5 p.m.,  
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**Website:** [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org)

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

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



Friends of the Library and Museum

**Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 16, 2022  
at 10:00 a.m.

FREE – Ages 1 to 11 years old

Ketring Park – 6028 S. Gallup Street  
(north side of museum)

For more information contact [FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com)



**HISTORY ADVENTURES**

Littleton Museum | 6028 S. Gallup St. | Littleton, CO 80120

**Registration Now Open!** This summer the Littleton Museum will be running five History Adventure day camps! Your explorers will learn from experts about life in Littleton in the 1800s with hands-on experiences. Call 303-795-3950 or visit [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum) > Programs & Events (at left) for details.

*Get Your Guess In!*

Stop by the library or museum by April 7 to guess how many jelly beans are in the giant jars. Winners will be announced April 8 and receive gift cards generously donated by Andy's Frozen Custard!



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**Patterns of Consumption**

On Display April 1 - June 26, 2022

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