

President's Message



Welcome Back!

Change continues, and finally for the better! The library and museum are back open on a limited basis

with shorter hours—but

they are open! The exhibits are open at the museum, the livestock is out on the farms and books at the library are waiting to be read. Masks are required for entry (except for children 2 and younger) to help keep staff and patrons safe and healthy. Be sure to visit the [museum](#) and [library](#) pages on littletongov.org for current hours.

The army of Friends volunteers is anxious to get back to work and enjoy the camaraderie, but that time awaits. In the meantime, thanks to Sue McNamee, our online book sales on Amazon are quite successful!

Because of COVID-19, we are postponing the Annual Meeting until Nov. 13. Voting for the 2021 Board will be conducted via email/mail in September and the new Board and the Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards will be presented at the meeting.

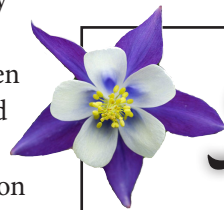
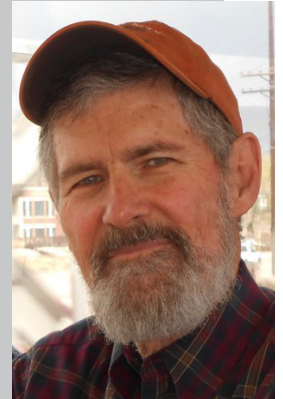
As Littleton and the surrounding areas open, I hope you and your family and friends are able to spend time outside to enjoy the warm sunshine and cool evenings, taking walks, dining out and getting back to a more normal life.

Be safe, be well and be happy!

Lisa Ohlgren
Board President

In Memoriam: Roy Kannady, 1939–2020

The Friends want to honor the memory of Roy Kannady, who passed away July 20. Roy and Anita Kannady married in 1962 and then moved to Littleton, where Roy launched his 40-year career with Martin Marietta. Roy and Anita have been longtime Friends volunteers and board members. In 2018, Roy was honored with a Friends Distinguished Service Award for creating the initial membership database, editing *The Oracle* and managing the Old Forts Society with Anita. Donate in his memory to [Nourishment on Wheels Friends](#) (PO Box 3108, Centennial, CO 80161).



August Updates!

Friends Annual Meeting. To keep our Friends member safe and healthy, we are delaying the Annual Meeting to Friday, Nov. 13. Please mark your calendar and watch for more details.

Used Book Sale. As Bemis Library opens in phases, we're anxious to restart the Friends Used Book Sale, featuring quality books and reasonable prices. We'll let you know when volunteers and the sale are able to return. In the meantime, we *cannot* staff the sale or accept donations. Thank you for your understanding.

Seeking Craft Fair Vendors. Please spread the word that the Friends Craft Fair is on for Saturday, Oct. 3! Booths are filling up but spaces are available. Crafters can join the fun at littletongov.org (City Services > City Departments > Museum > Programs & Events).

Investing in Our Community. With events postponed or canceled, the Friends found some money in the budget to help with a museum request. Suellen Winstead, Curator of Education and Interpretation, needed a new video camera for the virtual programming that helped continue the museum's mission during the pandemic-related closure. According to Suellen, "This new video camera has made the job of filming so much easier," thanks to its auto focus, color fidelity and ease of use. Thanks to Suellen for sharing how all of our Friends members contribute to our community.

BEMIS LIBRARY

Welcome Back! Bemis Library is Open

Bemis Public Library is open to the public on a limited basis with the following modified hours:

- Tuesday–Friday, 1–6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Sunday–Monday, Closed

During this initial stage, building capacity will be limited to 60 people. Patrons will be admitted on a first-come-first-served basis. Once the library's capacity has been reached, a policy of one-out-one-in will be implemented. Computer sessions will be limited to one hour per person per day.

When visiting the library, patrons are encouraged to limit the size of their group and keep time spent in the library to 60 minutes or less. Pets (except for trained service animals), food and beverages are not permitted in the library.

Masks or face coverings are required for staff and the public per the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 110.

TICKET/REGISTRATION

To register, participate, or join any of these programs go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemismarmot.org.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Senior Social Club—Fridays in August & September, 9:30–11:30 a.m.*. Stay connected with Friday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, regular cell phone, or landline. Cell phones and landlines, call 1-301-715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 987 926 117 when prompted. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Summer Safety Series*. Staff from South Metro Fire Rescue will present a series of important senior safety workshops. Be sure to attend:

- Aug. 4, 2 p.m.—Fall Prevention
- Aug. 11, 2 p.m.—Fire Safety
- Aug. 18, 2 p.m.—Senior Health and Aging Successfully
- September 1, 2 p.m.—Aging in Place

Aug. 6, 13 and 20: Think 360 Arts Presents: Get Started Writing Your Memoir*. Learn how to transform the stories of your life into a memoir. This series of three workshops, will explore the different types, styles and techniques of writing a memoir. Participants will be guided in creating goals and a writing routine by instructor Andrea Ansali. 2–3:30 p.m.

Virtual Book Clubs*. Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page bemismarmot.org.

- Virtual Fiction Book Club: Aug. 7, 1 p.m., *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston
- Virtual Nonfiction Book Club: Aug. 19, 1 p.m., *The Feather Thief* by Kirk Wallace Johnson
- Happiness Book Club: Aug. 29, 1 p.m., *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

Aug. 13: Board Games @ Home*. Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. No registration required. Open to all ages. 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Aug. 17: America's Pastime: Baseball*. Hear a brief history and selected stories from the game of baseball during this webinar. Active Minds will trace the history of baseball from its disputed origins to the present day. Bring a favorite baseball story to share with the group. 2 p.m.

Aug. 19: Fall in Love with Organics*. Organics are becoming more and more popular, and rightly so. There are many reasons to love organics—pesticide-free, non-GMO, nutrient-dense, good for the planet and good for you. Don't miss this inspiring program presented by Natural Grocers. 2 p.m.

Aug. 25: Lost Lodges of Rocky Mountain National Park*. Did you know there have been over 30 lodges in Rocky Mountain National Park? What happened to the camps and resorts that used to be in the National Park? Hear the thought-provoking search for balance between wilderness and hospitality unique to America's first automobile-based National Park. 2 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Dial-A-Story. For children missing the weekly story time at Bemis, try Dial-A-Story. Call 303-795-3960 anytime to hear a picture book read by a Bemis librarian.

Wonderbooks are Here. Wonderbooks are hard-cover books with a read-aloud device attached inside to make listening easy and fun for young readers. No batteries, headphones or other equipment needed.

New Story in the Park. If you're looking for a fun Walk in the Park...With a Story, *Let's Go, Froggy* by Jonathan London is ready for you. Enjoy literacy, physical activity and the outdoors while strolling through Gallup Park. Laminated pages from a book are attached to signs placed along a path. Start at sign #1 near the southeast corner of the Bemis parking lot. Follow the numbered signs along the path.

Bemis Library Kid's Corner Videos. Bemis Children's Librarians are busy creating videos which feature short story times, crafts, early literacy tips and puppet shows for you to enjoy. New selections premiere every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Watch the videos anytime in the Bemis Kids' Corner playlist on the Bemis Library YouTube channel by searching [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) by the LittletonGov channel.

TEEN EVENTS

Tuesdays in August: Teen Talk Tuesday*. Hang out at our weekly Zoom meeting to talk with other teens and teen librarian Miss Emily. Play games, ask for help and deliver your weekly book review. 4–5 p.m.

Aug. 11: Digital Talent Show. Watch our first-ever Digital Talent Show—and vote for your favorite acts—on Facebook. 5 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

Virtual One-on-One Tech Help—various dates and times*. Sign up for a 45-minute individualized virtual tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more. For dates, times and to register, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

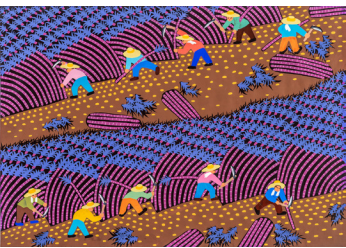
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Vibrant Bounty Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region Aug. 14–Oct. 17, Littleton Museum



The art in this exhibit journeys through Shaanxi Province, one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. The

capital city, Xi'an, was once the eastern terminus of the ancient Silk Road, and



is famous for its extensive archaeological finds, most notably the Mausoleum of Qin Shi

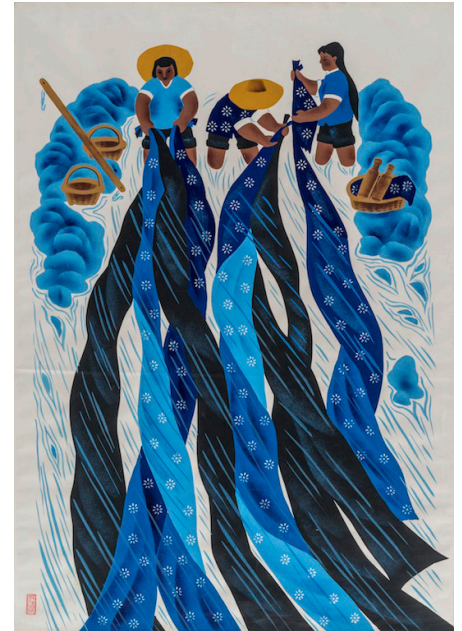
Huang and his Terracotta Army.

The artifacts in this collection explore China's rural life and they show, in detail, traditional Shaanxi customs. Objects range from children's clothing and toys to New Year's prints

and decorative household items, often embroidered with lucky figures and animals. Not only are they carefully handmade and beautiful, they also hold symbolic wishes for good luck, good marriages and good health.

Both the art and the objects featured in this exhibition introduce a region of China, which, like so many parts of rural America, is dominated by agriculture and populated with hard-working people. Through these folk-art paintings and the artifacts that accompany them, viewers gain a greater understanding of the customs, culture and humanity of a people who share essential similarities—despite great distances. This exhibit was organized by ExhibitsUSA, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

NOTE: If the museum is closed due to COVID-19, enjoy a virtual visit at littleton.gov.org (click City Services > City Departments > Museum), Facebook or Instagram.



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Summer Readers Imagined Great Stories

Despite stay-at-home orders, Bemis Library readers journeyed to incredible destinations through books this summer. Nearly 400 children, more than 120 teens and over 100 adults participated in the Bemis Library Summer Reading Programs! *Remember to complete all summer reading requirements by Aug. 9 to qualify for prizes.* Children can visit the library with completed reading logs to pick up their free books and prize packets. Special thanks to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum and our fabulous sponsors for their generous support.



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