

President's Message



Together Again!
The 2021 Western Welcome Week theme is "Together Again!" We wholeheartedly embrace this sentiment and look forward to celebrating the

Littleton community. Mark your calendar for Western Welcome Week, Aug. 13–22, and remember to start making plans to attend our fabulous Craft Fair on Oct. 2.

It's a pleasure to meet people at the concerts. At a recent concert, a man approached the Friends table to ask about what we were selling. "Membership to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum," we replied. He said, "I don't live in Littleton or use the library or museum. I just come here for the free concerts." To which we said, "They're not free, the Friends are paying for them." He laughed and said, "You're right, nothing is really free."

With membership starting at \$15 that's a pretty affordable concert ticket. That gentleman was correct—nothing is really free. Everything we do costs something. If you've been a member since the early years or maybe you just joined recently, we thank you. Your membership dues not only support fun, educational and entertaining events and programs, they also build a stronger community connection.

We encourage you to share with your family and friends, neighbors and coworkers how the Friends organization enriches Littleton and how easy it is to join. Better yet, bring them to a concert or remind them to stop by our WWW booth!

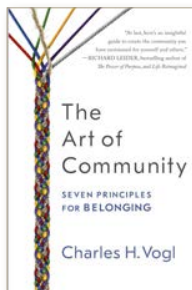
Sincerely,
Lisa Hendry

P.S. We're looking for help with our Creative Writing Contest. If you're interested, email FriendsCreativeWritingContest@gmail.com or text 303-819-4443.



A Community-Wide Reading Event

Read. Connect. Engage.



SCAN HERE TO ACCESS THE BOOK

Art of Community

The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging

by Charles Vogl

SAVE THE DATE



Thursday,
September 16, 7 p.m.

Arapahoe Community College –
Waring Theatre, Littleton CO
Tickets on sale August 16

One Book One Littleton Author Reception & Keynote

Bemis Public Library is proud to announce its first community-wide reading event, One Book One Littleton. In partnership with the Friends, and thanks to generous community sponsorships, the library has invited author Charles Vogl to present an interactive keynote program on his book *The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging*. Attendees are encouraged to engage directly with the challenges

that Littleton faces and the opportunities for strengthening the connections we have with each other. Tickets available beginning Aug. 16 at bemismarmot.org.

We encourage members of our community to read the book prior to the author visit. The library has multiple copies of the title available to check out and the Tattered Cover at Aspen Grove has stocked up. Ask for a copy of a book group discussion guide and challenge each other to discuss and investigate the concepts in the book.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tons of Tales Tallied by Summer Readers!

Bemis Public Library had a terrific turnout for the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program. Nearly 1,200 children, 300 teens and 200 adults participated. *Teens and adults alone read close to 1,000 books!*

We extend our gratitude to those who donated and contributed to the success of the youth summer reading program: Applebee's Grill & Bar, Colorado Rapids Soccer Club, Culver's of Littleton, Papa Murphy's Take 'N' Bake Pizza and Skate City of Littleton. Plus, a special thank you to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. We couldn't have done it without your support!



PROGRAM/REGISTRATION

To register, participate, or join any of these programs call the library at 303-795-3961 or go to the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org. An asterisk * next to an event indicates that registration is required.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club in the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

Aug. 4: Virtual Senior Book Group. *November Road* by Lou Berney. 1 p.m.

Aug. 18: Virtual Evening Book Club. *The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging* by Charles Vogl. This is the inaugural book of our new One Book One Littleton community reading program (see cover). We're getting a head start on this city-wide event. Join us in person at the library or via Zoom for this special book club. 5:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Every Thursday in August: Senior Social Club. Join us for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. Be prepared for some special guests at one of our get-togethers—some of the sweet dogs from the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley will stop by for cuddles. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Aug. 5: Soil Chemistry Workshop with Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners.* Learn about the ecosystems of healthy soil, which

nutrients are important for growing plants and how to tell if your garden soil needs some help (including testing samples from your yard). 3rd grade through adults. 2 p.m.

Aug. 6: Mundo Mistico: Ecuador.* Learn about the Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Attend in person or via Zoom. 9 a.m.

Aug. 10: Immigrants: Building Denver from the Bottomlands Up. Successive waves of immigrants from all over the world have made significant impacts on Denver. Hear tales of triumph, conflict, racism, redemption and more from Denver History Tours. 5:30 p.m.

Aug. 12: Reflections: Art Workshop with Think 360 Arts.* Join artist Maeve Eichelberger for this hands-on class exploring perspective and imagination while creating creating a mixed media painting with two perspectives. 2 p.m.

Aug. 13: Board Games @ Bemis. Drop in after-hours for board games, pizza and snacks. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

Aug. 16: Magellan with Active Minds. Learn about the life and legacy of Magellan, whose three-year voyage was the first successful circumnavigation of the globe. 2 p.m.

Aug. 19: Outdoor Concert: The Cody Sisters. Fans of acoustic, folk and bluegrass music will enjoy this evening concert with Megan and Maddie Cody. Bring a picnic and a lawn chair. 6:30–8 p.m.

Aug. 24: Legal Night with the Arapahoe County Bar Association.* Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, for a 30-minute consultation. 4–6:30 p.m.

Aug. 26: Natural Hacks to Support Attention. Kelly Andis from Natural Grocers presents nutrition and lifestyle tips for attention and cognition. 1 p.m.

Aug. 27 & 28: Open Door: Artist in Residence Workshops.* The library, museum and Littleton Fine Arts Board are hosting artist Michelle Lamb for two full-day workshops. Attendees will create assemblage box art and may submit their completed project to a juried exhibition at the library in September. Ages 16 and up. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

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.

StoryWalk® at Aspen Grove. Enjoy a picture book with the family as you stroll along the sidewalks of Aspen Grove. Simply follow the numbered signs visible in shop windows to read the full story. The selection for August is *Back to School, Splat!* by Rob Scotton.



Wednesdays & Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis. Families with kids of all ages can bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and songs outdoors on the lawn at the library. Call to confirm in case of high winds, rain or temperatures below 45°. Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Aug. 10: Family Fun Water Day. Dress to get wet and enjoy outdoor fun on the lawn of the library. Don't forget to bring a towel. 11 a.m.–noon.

TEEN EVENTS

Aug. 4: Community Art Teen Workshop.* Get supplies and help create your entry for the upcoming community art program: Open Doors. 5–6:30 p.m.

Aug. 11: Teen Advisory Group. Improve the library and earn community service credit while helping plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, have fun and snack. 5–6 p.m.

Aug. 18: Tweenuesday: Mandalas on The Dot.* Create a meditative design with dozens of perfectly placed dots. For kids in 5th–12th grade. 5–6:30 p.m.

Aug. 25: Dungeons & Dragons.* Sign up to play or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza served. 5–7 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times.* Sign up for a 45-minute virtual individualized tech appointment for help with eBooks, digital resources, internet connectivity, video chatting and more.

TheStudio: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times.* Sign up for an individualized appointment to learn more about any resources in TheStudio@Bemis, our new makerspace.

TheStudio@Bemis: Open Lab, Various Dates & Times. Drop between 3–5 p.m. on open lab dates to learn more about the space and resources. Activities for the whole family will be provided, or bring any project you’ve been working on and connect with other makers.

Littleton Museum
SUMMER
Concert Series
2021
 6:30–8 p.m., front lawn
littletongov.org/museum for details
 Aug. 4 – Juice O’The Barley
 Aug. 11 – Dakota Blonde
 Aug. 18 – Buckstein

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Aug. 11

Dakota Blonde Concert,
Littleton Museum Lawn

Aug. 19

The Cody Sisters Concert,
Bemis Public Library Lawn

Sept. 16

One Book One Littleton
Author Reception & Keynote, ACC

Oct. 2

Friends Craft Fair
Ketring Park

Sign up for info on upcoming exhibits and events!



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Feeling like you aren't in the loop about all of the great things to see and do at the Littleton Museum? Join our new e-newsletter at bit.ly/LittletonMuseumEvents



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