

President's Message



Happy Holidays!

The Friends' 2020 Annual Meeting was held safely via Zoom on Friday the 13th of November with Claire Mattoon from the

library deftly handling the tech. The recorded meeting is available on the [Friends' website](#) and I hope you will watch it if you couldn't be "there."

A recent change of note: The Bemis Library and Littleton Museum have moved into the newly created Media & Cultural Services Department under the leadership of Kelli Narde. Nancy Trimm has been promoted to Library Director and Tim Nimz continues as Museum Director. Congratulations to all!

Sadly, our traditional Holiday's Eve celebration on the museum grounds is another casualty of COVID-19. In addition, all library holiday programming will be virtual, via phone or web. As you know, the pandemic situation is fluid, so be sure to check online or call the library and museum for updates before you plan to visit. Our facilities and the Friends are looking forward to seeing you in person again when it's safe!

It has been a pleasure to serve as your president for the past two years and to work together with all of you. Lisa Hendry will now very ably take the reins and the Friends will thrive.

Be safe, be well and be happy!

Lisa Ohlgren
Board President



Littleton Museum Safer-at-Home Holiday Programs

Dec. 4–25. This year the Littleton Museum invites the community to share in a safer-at-home way to celebrate the season. The interpretation and curatorial staff at the museum are creating a series of holiday videos and other fun materials that can be accessed from the warm comfort of home.

The video series will explore the historic origins of fun modern holiday traditions such as gingerbread and plum pudding making, popcorn stringing, tree decorating, toys and gift giving. Other interesting educational content will explore holiday-related objects from the Littleton Museum's collection and explain what they reveal about the history of holidays in our local community.

A few holiday-themed puzzles and crafts will add some creativity to the mix and will also be shared via the museum's "Historic Holidays" web page. Visit <https://bit.ly/HistoricHolidays> after Dec. 4 to access all of the fun and festive content.

Bemis Library Holiday Programs

Smithtonians Holiday Concert, Dec. 8, 2 p.m.

Enjoy a virtual concert with Littleton's own Smithtonians Handbell Ensemble. Watch the prerecorded concert during the premiere showing by searching YouTube for Bemis Public Library and any time in December.

The Polar Express Reading. Celebrate the library's annual holiday tradition with a virtual reading of Chris Van Allsburg's *The Polar Express* by Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes. The video will be available in December on the Bemis website bemismarmot.org and on the City of Littleton Channel 8. Call the library to request a small treat bag for the kids before viewing the video at home.

Gingerbread House Contest. Pick up a kit to create your own Gingerbread House to be part of our first all-virtual Gingerbread House Gallery! Email your gingerbread creations to libem@littletongov.org by December 10 to be featured in our holiday Facebook gallery! Call the library to schedule curbside pickup for your kit! Supplies are limited, and only 1 kit per household.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Unable to visit the library? Bemis offers curbside pickup service on an as-needed basis during library open hours. Place items on hold using the library's online web catalog. When notified holds are available, call the library at 303-795-3961 to schedule a curbside pickup. If you require special accommodations getting library materials to your car due, please inform the library when arranging a curbside pickup.

Bemis Services as of Nov. 20

Bemis Library service is currently limited to curbside pickup and computers by appointment. The following services will be available to our community:

- **Curbside Pickup:** Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Exterior Book Return Open:** All hours
- **Computers by Appointment:** One hour per day, per user, Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
- **Remote Services:** Chat reference and phone reference service, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **Mobile Printing:** During curbside hours
- **Virtual Programming:** Virtual programming continues for children, families, teens and adults; use the [calendar](#) to register or access programs
- **Digital Services:** Bemis website services and access to digital resources will continue without interruption
- **Online Chat Service:** Chat with a librarian to get help accessing eBooks, using digital resources and much more. Service is open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Please call 303-795-3961 or visit the library's online website at bemis.marmot.org and click on the library's COVID-19 webpage for more information.



GENERAL PROGRAMS

Dec. 1: Kitchen Painting. Join Think 360 Arts instructor Chelsea Gilmore for an exploration of artistic possibilities found in your kitchen cabinets. Using spices, pantry staples and other common food items, learn how to make paints and dyes, create unique art and clean out the cupboards at the same time. Registration is required for this class. Call the library at 303-795-3961 to register. 2–3:30 p.m.

Senior Social Club: Thursdays in December. Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, regular cell phone or landline. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Dec. 4: Virtual Fiction Book Club. *Uncommon Type* by Tom Hanks, 1 p.m.

Dec. 10: Board Games @ Your Home. Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event All ages welcome. No registration required. 5:30–8 p.m.

Dec. 16: Virtual Nonfiction Book Club. *Almost Everything: Notes on Hope* by Anne Lamott, 1 p.m.

Dec. 17: How to Survive Today's Food Jungle. Food has changed more in the last 50 years than it has in the last 10,000. Knowing how to choose high quality foods is one key to good health. Learn how to read labels, understand nutritional value, and make wise choices for healthier eating. 2 p.m.

Dec. 21: The Mayans. Join this Active Minds webinar for an overview of Mayan history, culture, art and science. Learn why the ancient Maya had one of the most complex civilizations in the world. 2 p.m.

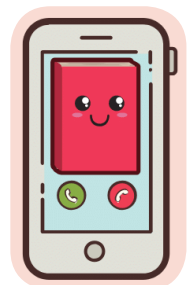
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Snow Better Time to Read: Winter Reading Program for Children in 5th Grade and Younger. Pick up a Winter Reading Program reading log at the library, request one for curbside pick-up or register and print your own from the Bemis website bemis.marmot.org. Complete the challenges and record what you read. Finishers will receive a free book to keep in addition to other surprises. Program ends January 9.

Dec. 31: Zoom into 2021 with Bemis' Noon Year's Eve Party. Join the countdown to 2021 with a performance by funnyman Bryce Jackman followed by the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball... at noon! The fun will continue with a virtual dance party for the entire family. Access the Zoom link from the Children's Room on the library webpage bemis.marmot.org. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Story Time: Online Anytime. Bemis Children's Librarians have created dozens of videos which feature short story times, crafts, early literacy tips and puppet shows for you to enjoy anytime. On YouTube, search for Bemis Public Library kids' corner videos to find the Kids' Corner playlist on the Bemis Library YouTube channel.

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



LITTLETON MUSEUM

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Talk Tuesdays. Hang out in our weekly Zoom meeting to play games and stay connected! No registration required. Join through the link on the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemismarmot.org. 4–5:30 p.m.

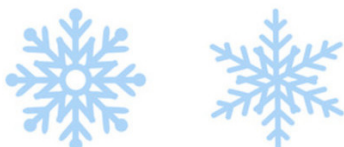
Dec. 1, 15 & 29: Jack Box/Digital Board Games

Dec. 8 & 22: Dungeons & Dragons

Dec. 17 & 31: Among Us. Things are getting sus at the library! Join us for an online game of Among Us where we try to do our tasks and uncover the imposters among us! Participants will need access to a computer or mobile device and have downloaded the game Among Us. Registration is required at <https://bemislbrary.wufoo.com/forms/among-us/>. 4-5:30 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

Mondays in December—Virtual One-on-One Tech Help*. Sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with



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

Museum Services as of Nov. 20

With Arapahoe County moving to Level Red in response to the rise in COVID-19 cases, the Littleton Museum will close the main building but continue to provide public access to the 1860s and 1890s living history farms. Starting Saturday, Nov. 21, the museum will close to the public for 10 days to install a new entrance point through the building’s education wing and out to the farms. The farms will reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 1, as a passive use park where visitors can stroll the walking paths and view the livestock and animals; the historic buildings will remain closed.

- **Hours of Operation:** Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- **Capacity:** 50 visitors per hour and reservations are required.
- **Requirements:** Visiting groups should be from the same household, maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing from other visitors, and are strongly encouraged to limit their time on the farms to 1 hour. No school or organized groups are permitted. *Masks required.*
- **Reservations:** Please call the museum at 303-795-3950.

Own an Original: Liberating Humor Exhibit Goes Online

Visit the Exhibits page at littletongov.org/museum to see the Own An Original fine art competition online. This show looks at the human condition with a lighthearted mood using the theme of “Liberating Humor.” To liberate is to provide freedom from the limitations of thought or behavior. Humor can be comical or funny, but it can describe a state of mind as well. Together, “Liberating Humor” can provide a freeing experience the way a good belly laugh can lighten one’s mood. If you’re inspired by what you see, enter your creative works for our next show. See below.

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Contact Information

Littleton Museum
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littletongov.org/museum
 Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. by reservation
 Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

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www.littletongov.org/bemis
 See bemismarmot.org for current hours

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Littleton Public Schools group enjoys the museum in October!



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All funds given to the Friends (a 501 (c)3 organization), support the programs & other cultural endeavors with the Littleton Library & Museum