

Board Message

Time to Celebrate! We find ourselves at the end of another successful year. The library and museum are well staffed, open to capacity and bustling with programs, activities, events and big plans for the future. The Littleton Museum is in the middle of planning for an updated permanent exhibit, while Bemis Public Library is expecting delivery of its new bookmobile in 2023. Furthermore, for the second year in a row, the citizens of Littleton helped demonstrate their priority for these important institutions. This year's passage of issue 3B, a lodging tax, will provide additional support for arts and culture in Littleton. We Friends have so much to celebrate!

Speaking of celebrating, no matter how you enjoy the holidays, you can find something for everyone at the library/museum cultural campus. At Bemis Library, the Holiday Used Book Sale is in full swing with books for all ages and occasions. The Littleton Museum is hard at work preparing for the annual Holiday's Evening event on Dec. 11—tickets are going fast for this fun family tradition.

Finally, the end of the year is a time for giving. If you'll indulge this polite encouragement, please consider an additional gift to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. It is your generous support that will allow us to celebrate and support these amazing institutions for decades to come.

May your holidays be merry and bright, and we look forward to a promising 2023.

Your Friends Board

Happy Holidays from Bemis Library!

Dec. 3: Gingerbread House Building.



All ages, create a gingerbread house and enter it into a competition for a chance to win \$25. The library will provide a base and basic supplies. Feel free to bring any extra (edible) building materials you'd like to use. Houses will be on display at Bemis through Dec. 23 so the public can vote on their favorite creation. The house with the most votes will win. Call 303-795-3961 to register (required). 9–11 a.m. or 12–2 p.m.

Dec. 10: Smithtonians Handbell

Ensemble. All ages, enjoy Littleton's Smithtonians Handbell Choir for a stellar holiday concert. 1–2 p.m. or 3–4 p.m.

Dec. 12: Senior Movie Matinee: Miracle on 34th Street. Ages 50+, watch the original 1947 Christmas classic starring Maureen O'Hara with hot cocoa and cookies. 1:30–3 p.m.

Dec. 17: Merry Tessellations Craft. Ages 10+ learn how to create a template to trace an interlocking repeating design and then turn it into a holiday motif. M.C. Escher made them famous, but anyone can tessellate. Call 303-795-3961 or click here to register (required). 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.

Dec. 19: Holiday Traditions with Active Minds. Adults of all ages, join us to learn the origins of many holiday traditions and customs—such as why we have Christmas trees, holiday lights, eggnog, holly and mistletoe. 2–3 p.m.



Distinguished Volunteer Service Award

Shirley and Herb Banister take home the honors in 2022.

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum recognize Shirley and Herb Banister with the prestigious Distinguished Volunteer Service Award for generously sharing their time with us for the last 25 years. We can always count on the Banisters to help with our biggest fundraisers, including the Craft Fair, Used Book Sale and Harvest Festival. In addition, Shirley has served on the Friends Board and volunteers at the museum. Thanks to the Banisters past and present support, the Friends are able to fund great programming for everyone in our community.



BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

December Library Closures

Saturday–Monday, Dec. 24–26.

The library will be closed for the winter holidays.

Sunday-Monday, Jan. 1–2.

The library will be closed for the New Year's holiday.

REGISTRATION

To register for a program, call the library at 303-795-3961 or visit the Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Bemis is proud to launch live-streamed discussions with bestselling authors presented by the Library Speakers Consortium. Visit <https://libraryc.org/bemis> to register for upcoming events and to watch previously recorded author discussions. The following presentations are for all ages.

Dec. 6. Geraldine Brooks, 5–7 p.m.

Dec. 10. Fredrik Backman, 12–1 p.m.

Dec. 14. Nicole Eustace, 10–11 a.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Senior Social Club.

Ages 50+, join our weekly chat every Thursday for seniors in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: International

Conversation Circle. Every Thursday at Noon. Participate in the International Conversation Circle at Bemis every Thursday on the lower level of the library. Meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. Registration required. Call Robert Little at 303-734-8413 or stop by LIRC to sign up. Noon–1 p.m.



Dec. 1 & 15: Stitch Circle. All ages, join Stitch Circle in TheStudio@Bemis. Bring in your own projects or come to learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery. This is an opportunity to meet, learn from and collaborate with other makers in the community. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.



Dec. 3: Creativity Challenge Kickoff–Creativebug Class. Ages 15+, participate in this two-month creativity challenge starting with Creativebug, a video database with hundreds of art and craft tutorials—all free with your library card. Registration required. 11 a.m.–noon.

Dec. 7: Senior Book Group. Ages 50+, discuss *Searching for Sylvie Lee* by Jean Kwok. Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or via Zoom. Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any book club in the [Library Events Calendar](#). 1–2 p.m.

Dec. 8: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art. Ages 18+, join BMoCA Educator Reid Portscheller for a hands-on workshop. Participants create a piece of art inspired by the show. Registration required. 2–3:30 p.m.

Dec. 9: Board Games @ Bemis. All ages, drop in after-hours for board games. 5–7 p.m.

Dec. 28: Dungeons & Dragons. Ages 10+, players of all experience levels are welcome. Experienced Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service credit for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Registration required. 5–7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

Weekly Story Times. Weekly story times at Bemis will take a brief hiatus from Dec. 9–Jan. 9. Story time sessions will resume in January.

Dec. 1–Jan. 9: Books Are Cool Winter Reading Program. Kids in grade 5 and younger, pick up a reading log in the library, complete the challenges and record what you read. Finishers receive a free book to keep.

Dec. 3: LEGO Club. All ages, design, construct and create your own LEGO creations. Build from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation. Come build with us. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. 3–4 p.m.

Dec. 10: Paws to Read. Kids in grades K–5, practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Dec. 13: Sensory Story Time. Caregivers and children of all abilities are welcome to join us for an inclusive and interactive story time designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased. The library will provide sensory toys, fidgets and noise canceling headphones for anyone who needs them. Story time will include songs, stories and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end. 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Dec. 27: Reptile Show. Families with children ages 3+, Canyon Critters brings a selection of rescued critters, describes their characteristics and behavior as you meet them, and discuss the importance of responsible pet ownership. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Dec. 29: Inspector Magic Happy Magic Bunny New Year.

Families with children of all ages, enjoy Inspector Magic as he encourages reading with his spellbinding illusions and comedy. His interactive adventures engage the whole family. 11–11:45 a.m.





Dec. 31: "Noon" Year's Eve Let's Go Crazy Neon Party. Families with children of all ages, enjoy treats, dancing, door prizes and the dropping of the New Year's Eve ball at noon—all part of a fun Glow Party with Bryce Jackman counting down to 2023. Wear anything neon for fun under the black lights and wear your craziest socks to participate in a Crazy Sock Contest, too. Registration required beginning Dec. 17. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Dec. 7: Teen Takeover. Grades 6–12, join us to hang out and make something fun at your own pace. This month we'll have cookies for decorating and holiday card supplies or bring your own projects to work on and share. Snacks served. 5–6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14: Teen Advisory Group: Merry CoCoamass! Grades 6–12, TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Join us for our annual holiday treat, where we drink cocoa, enjoy snacks and watch a holiday movie. 5–6 p.m.

Dec. 21: Tweenstday: Ugly Sweater DIY. Grades 5–12, bring your own sweaters, T shirts or fabric bags to add some seasonal flair with iron-on holiday decals and decorations. Snacks served. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.



TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for an individualized technology appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Registration required.

THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in the library's makerspace, TheStudio@Bemis. Learn more about the Cricut, sewing machines, digitization station and more. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.



Holiday Book Sale!

Monday, Nov. 28–Friday, Dec. 23
Shop During Regular Library Hours

Great books at great prices!
Shop a variety of topics to quickly take care of that holiday shopping list! New categories this year include Planes, Trains, Automobiles, and Ships; Kings and Queens; Shakespeare; and cookbooks from different regions and countries. All proceeds benefit the Friends to support library and museum programming. For details about donating your books or volunteering your time, stop by the library front desk or email friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com.

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Contact Information

- Littleton Museum**
6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
303-795-3950, 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**
6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961
bemismarmot.org, www.littletongov.org/bemis
bemisteen.blogspot.com
Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m.
- Websites:** friendslittleton.org, littletoncraftfair.org
- Blog:** <https://friendslittleton.org/friends-blog>
- Emails:** friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com
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Littleton Fine Arts Board

2022 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

Own An
Original

Labyrinth

juried by Molly Casey

November 4 through December 31, 2022

Don't miss the Own an Original: Labyrinth Exhibition on display through–Dec. 31! In Greek mythology, the Labyrinth was an elaborate, confusing structure designed and built by Daedalus for King Minos of Crete at Knossos. It was intended to hold the Minotaur, a mythical creature that was part man and part bull. Daedalus had so cunningly crafted the Labyrinth that he could barely escape it after he built it. Stop in to Littleton Museum to see modern interpretations of the labyrinth concept in this interesting and creative exhibit.



Littleton

Sunday, December 11, 2022

5:30 - 8 pm

Littleton Museum
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Join us for this evening, outdoors event on the grounds of our living history farms. You will be transported back to the winter holidays of the 1800s. Enjoy a wagon ride, snack on cornbread and cookies, enjoy live music, and look up at the stars as you sip hot cider. Costumed interpreters will bring the past to life by demonstrating or teaching about what your life would be like had you lived in Littleton in the 1800s.

Musical Entertainment: Smithsonian Handbell Ensemble, Jon Chandler, Olde Town Duo

Food & Drink: Hot cider, gingersnaps, sugar cookies, cornbread

Activities: Wagon rides, create your own Waffle Frolic invitation, see a Waffle Frolic dinner party!, learn what a Waffle Frolic is and how they came to be popular in Victorian times, see two Civil War camps, chat with interpreters as they pack care packages for their Civil War soldiers, learn about a Sanitary Fair where care packages were made for soldiers, string popcorn and make paper chains to decorate the school-house community tree, write letters to Santa, meet Santa (Covid allowing)

Dress: Remember to dress warmly as it can be quite chilly!

Tickets: Get your tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com)—all activities and refreshments included.

