

President's Message



HAPPY
Valentine's Day

I hope you're enjoying the longer days and pre-spring sunshine—I know I am!

If you have opted to include the Smithsonian Affiliate membership with your Friends membership, you have free admission to the huge number of other Smithsonian Affiliate Institutions around the country as a benefit. As you plan your travels, do check for other Smithsonian Affiliates. If you're sticking close to home, we have six in Colorado, including our own Littleton Museum.

To see the Affiliates, start at friendslittleton.org. Click the Membership tab and then Smithsonian Affiliate to see a list of Colorado Affiliates. Click any option and then click Affiliate Map at right to see a map of the United States with pins marking all Smithsonian Affiliates in the states, Puerto Rico and Panama. As you'll see, we are in great company!

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Lisa Ohlgren
Board President

News & Notes

HELP WANTED: EASTER EGG HUNT. Help fill the eggs on Thursday, March 26, 1:30 p.m., in the big room in the basement of the Bemis Library. We can also use help hiding the eggs on the day of the event. Arrive at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, at Ketring Park. Contact Al Stutson, 303-795-3584, alstutson37@gmail.com, with questions.

LIBRARY ADDS FILM STREAMING SERVICE, KANOPY. Bemis patrons can get free access to thousands of movies with their library card from the popular on-demand film streaming service Kanopy. Bemis card holders can access Kanopy and sign up to start streaming films instantly by visiting bemiskanopy.com. Films can be streamed from any computer, television, mobile device or platform by downloading the Kanopy app for iOS, Android, AppleTV, Chromecast or Roku.

VOLUNTEER GARDENERS WANTED! The Littleton Museum staff is looking for dedicated volunteers to help care for and maintain the front garden and the contemplative garden behind the main museum building.

This position involves being able to bend, lift 25–30 pounds, carry tools and plants, and work around dirt and the elements, often in bright sun. Volunteers must be able to use a shovel, hoe, rakes and other tools as needed. Normal types of outdoor bugs, bees and other vermin may be in the area. Only approved plants will be used.

This volunteer position is not responsible for the gardens on the historic farms. Gardening experience is preferred. Schedule is variable, but weekly is preferred. For more information, please contact Jenny Hankinson at 303-795-3954, or mujh@littletongov.org.

USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

Shop Often, Year-Round!

This year, our Used Book Sale brought in \$12,023 to support our great library and museum programs! Thanks to all of our volunteers and customers for giving thousands of books new homes and helping our community. Remember, the sale is open year-round with an awesome selection!

Used Book Sale



BEMIS LIBRARY

*TICKET / REGISTRATION

Events marked with an asterisk* require a ticket or registration. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961. Visit www.littletongov.org for more details on events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Senior Social Club with AWRC. Socialize with friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library! 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Fridays in February: Senior Social Club with AWRC. Socialize with friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library! The Aging Well Resource Center invites local seniors to our informal Senior Social Club every Friday, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Feb. 1–29: Winter Reading Program: The Big Chill. Chase the winter blues away by participating in our adult Winter Reading Program, The Big Chill. Pick up a Winter Reading bingo card to begin the fun. Read, attend programs and enjoy the library's services for a chance to win prizes from local Littleton businesses in our weekly prize drawing. Complete at least one "bingo" per card entry for a chance to win.

Feb. 1: Musical Performance: Love Songs with Nick and Nancy. Enjoy a romantic Valentine's Day-themed musical performance featuring pianist Nick Busheff and vocalist Nancy Stohlman. 2 p.m.

Feb. 3: Senior Book Club: A Street Cat Named Bob. Discuss the James Bowen book. 2 p.m.

Feb. 6: Essential Oils. Discover the basics of how essential oils support health and learn how to build your own essential oil kit. Presented by Kelly Andis, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers. 2 p.m.

Feb. 8: Change Your Life by Tidying Your Home with the KonMari Method*. Learn about the Marie Kondo system of simplifying and organizing your home from Kate Engbrecht, a certified KonMari consultant. Please bring 5–7 items of clothing for a folding lesson. 10–11:30 a.m.

Feb. 10: Your Encore Life: Some Assembly Required. Longevity has provided a new life course option called encore life—a second harvest of creative potential in work, play, relationships and caring. Learn about tools necessary for building an encore life from Lynette Reiling, Volunteer Recruitment Manager for Boomers Leading Change and a Certified Professional Coach. 2 p.m.

Feb. 15: Crafts for Grownups: Lovely Letters*.

The library will provide supplies and space, you bring imagination and curiosity! This month, create an uplifting piece of hand-lettered art to keep or give away. Adults only, space is limited. 2–4 p.m.

Feb. 19: Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group: Homegoing. Discuss this Yaa Gyasi book. 7–8 p.m.

Feb. 22: Movie Matinee: Judy. Look behind the scenes of Judy Garland's tumultuous life. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

Feb. 24: The Civil Rights Act with Active Minds. Examine the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a landmark piece of federal legislation that outlawed major forms of discrimination against minorities and women. 2 p.m.

Feb. 27: Books at Buck: The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared. Discuss this Jonas Jonasson book at the Buck Center! The discussion starts at 1 p.m., following the Thursday lunch hosted by the Buck Center. For information about the Thursday lunch, call 303-730-4605. 2004 W. Powers Ave., 1 p.m.

Feb. 27: Books & Beer, Brewing up Great Discussions: The Library Book. Discuss this Susan Orleans book at Blind Faith Brewery. Arrive early to take advantage of happy hour prices. 2842 W. Bowles Ave., 6 p.m.

Feb. 28: Black History Live: Rosa Parks. National humanities and Chautauqua scholar Becky Stone will portray Rosa Parks. See how one woman who refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery, Ala., in 1955 started one of the most significant movements in American history, the Civil Rights Movement. 2 p.m.

March 7: Tech It Out: Technology Fai. Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels and more at Bemis Library's Tech It Out Technology Fair. The library will showcase its coolest technologies on the lower level in the Art Gallery. Try your hand at creating a pixel video game, learn how to digitize your older media, drive robots around the library and visit booths from local businesses such as Silicon STEM. 12:30–4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Feb. 8: Paws to Read*. Kids in grades K–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

Feb. 8: Faux Stained "Glass" Heart Craft. Create unique and colorful hearts to use as a decoration or give to someone special for Valentine's Day. For kids of all ages. 3–3:30 p.m.

Feb. 29: Parent/Child Birding Class. Learn how to get your family started in this fun and easy hobby. Taught by a naturalist from Carson Nature Center, you'll be able to put your new skills to use anywhere your outdoor adventures take you. For families with kids ages 4+. 3–4 p.m.

March 1: A Magical Read Across America Presentation by Inspector Magic. Mark your calendars for a magic show that tells the stories of Chris Gail's wonderfully illustrated book, *Dear Fish*. Learn how to make proper choices to protect our clean water and other natural resources. For families with kids of all ages. 3–3:45 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Feb. 6: Fan Club: Marvel*. From the comic books to the cinematic universe, join us to celebrate all things Marvel. Enjoy themed snacks (Groot-beer floats, Infinity Stone cookies and Spider-Man berries) and activities based on your favorite superheroes from *The Avengers* and beyond. Pizza and snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

Feb. 13: Board Games @ Bemis. Enjoy food, family, friends and fun with our big collection of board games or bring your own to play. Families, adults and kids of all ages are welcome to drop in to play. Pizza and snacks served, all ages. 5–8:30 p.m.

Feb. 20: Zombie Prom. Party 'til you drop and enjoy games and snacks. 5–7 p.m.

Feb. 27: Teen Advisory Group. Enjoy snacks, video games and give us your feedback and suggestions to help make the library a better place. Snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

Feb. 3: Introduction to Goodreads*. Learn to create an account on the Goodreads website, track read books, explore lists and genres, and follow authors. 9:30–11 a.m.

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 24 & 26: One-on-One Technology Help. Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from smartphones and tablets to signing up for an email address. Check schedule for the exact time on specific dates.

Feb. 10: Self-Publishing with PressBooks*. PressBooks helps you produce professional-quality ebooks. Write and organize your content, add and edit information about your book and format the overall design, including cover art. 9:30–11 a.m.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

Feb. 19: Cutting the Cord*. Are you ready to quit cable TV? Join us at this lecture-style class for an overview of options such as Roku and popular streaming services like Netflix. Prerequisites: None. 6–7:30 p.m.

Computer and Device Training: Open

Computer Lab. Get answers to all of your computer-related questions every Thursday morning from 9:30–11 a.m. in the library's Computer Lab. Practice your skills and have a little one-on-one time with an instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and e-audiobooks to your device. No registration required.

February Classes, One-on-One Tech Help & Open Computer Labs:

- **Feb. 3.** Introduction to Goodreads*
- **Feb. 5.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **Feb. 6.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 10.** Self-Publishing with PressBooks*
- **Feb. 12.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **Feb. 13.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 19.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **Feb. 19.** Cutting the Cord, 6–7:30 p.m.*
- **Feb. 20.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 24.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **Feb. 26.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **Feb. 27.** Open Computer Lab

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- Smithsonian Institution Affiliate
- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
- 303-795-3950

Opening Outward: Sculpture by Jeff Glode Wise

Friday, Jan. 24–Sunday, March 1
Fine Art Exhibition Hall

The sculpture of Jeff Glode Wise is rooted in balance with great respect for materials and their inherent textures. Bases of concrete and wood suggest earthbound elements while forged bronze and gold plating suggest the fluid motion of the heavens. He interprets visual gestures found in nature and astronomy, from the swirling galaxies and the rhythmic movement of birds and fish to the human figure and spirit. In short, he attempts to “elude the grasp of gravity, allowing rocks to float and metal to flow like water.”

In *Opening Outward*, Wise has gathered works that best reflect a journey through his imagination. With a range of interests, the selected works illustrate a pathway of exploration, experimentation and discovery.

ARTIST'S TALK

Jeff Glode Wise, Feb. 29

Join us in the gallery for a tour of the exhibition and Q&A session with the artist, followed by a light social hour in the lecture hall. Saturday, Feb. 29, 2 p.m., free admission, ages 8 and older.



Barco de Besos, by Jeff Glode Wise

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Friends Easter Egg Hunt, April 11

Children ages 1–11 are invited to fill their Easter Baskets!

Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.

Ketring Park, 6028 S. Gallup St. (north of the Littleton Museum)

