

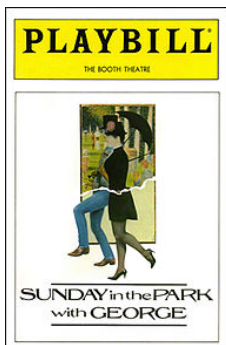
President's Message



Putting It Together.

In a recent orientation and planning session, each Board member received a puzzle piece to write one word about what

we contribute to the Friends. Your Board is a group of committed and resourceful people! After completing the puzzle, I couldn't get the song "Putting it Together" from *Sunday in the Park with George* out of my head.



Bit by bit, putting it together

Piece by piece, working out the vision night and day

What it takes is time and perseverance

Dealing with details along the way...

A lot of details go into accomplishing programs and services. Oftentimes we only see the frontline crew, and we don't recognize the behind-the-scenes people. This month, we'd like to recognize the Museum's Collection team: Jennifer Hankinson, Sam Houston and Katie Hoadley; and Carol Rempel with the Library's Adult Services team. These people are essential pieces to our puzzle. (To learn more about the board and staff, check out the Essential Pieces to the Puzzle article on the [Friends' blog](#).)

Each of us has a piece in the puzzle to make the picture complete. What's yours?

Sincerely,
Lisa A. Hendry
Board President

Valentine's Day 2021!

Feb. 14, Valentine's Day, is on a Sunday this year—an ideal day to curl up on the sofa with that perfect piece of chocolate and a classic movie. Fortunately, Bemis Library is here to help you celebrate, whether you're enjoying the holiday with family, connecting virtually with friends or embracing the solitude.

Health by Chocolate Program, Feb. 4

Chocolate can actually be good for us, but it matters which chocolate you choose. Learn about the health benefits and how to pick the best chocolate for your taste buds and your health. To register for this program, visit the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org. Thursday, Feb. 4, 2–3:30 p.m.



Stream Movies with Your Bemis Library Card

Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment. If you're interested in independent, international, classic or documentary films, you're in luck. Use your Bemis library card to sign up for Kanopy.com, our on-demand streaming video service. Find movies, documentaries, foreign films, classic cinema, independent films and educational videos that inspire, enrich and entertain.



For Valentine's Day, might we suggest *Charade* with Audrey Hepburn and Cary Grant? You'll find plenty of romantic options, new and old, with stars that range from Anna Kendrick and Rosalind Russell to Liam Neeson and John Wayne. Enjoy!

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY ACCESS

On Jan. 25, 2021, Bemis reopened to the public with limited capacity.

- **Hours:** 11 a.m.–6 p.m., Monday–Friday and 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Saturday
- **Capacity:** The library has a limit of 35 visitors at a time. Please plan for brief visits, and be prepared for wait times to enter the library.
- **Curbside:** Curbside service is available on an as-needed basis during the library's hours of operations. Please call 303-795-3961 to schedule a same-day appointment.
- **Computers:** Computer sessions are limited to one hour per day. The meeting room, conference room, study room and computer lab remain closed.
- **Social Distancing & Masks:** Visitors should maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing from one other. Masks are required.
- **Digital Library:** 24/7 access to eBooks, audiobooks, streaming video, newspapers and magazines continues at bemis.marmot.org

For updates on library access, call 303-795-3961 or visit <https://bemis.libguides.com/coronavirus>.

REGISTRATION FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

To participate in any of these programs call the library at 303-795-3961 or go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions in the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

Feb. 3: Virtual Senior Book Group. *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. 1 p.m.

Feb. 5: Virtual Fiction Book Club. *The One-in-a-Million Boy* by Monica Wood. 1 p.m.

Feb. 17: Virtual Nonfiction Book Club. *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell. 1 p.m.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Thursdays in February. Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, regular cellphone or landline. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Feb. 4: Health by Chocolate. Chocolate can be good for us—but it matters which chocolate you choose. Learn about the health benefits and how to pick the best chocolate for your taste buds and your health. 2–3:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 & 18: Board Games @ Home. Board Game Night is online. Join in anytime as we play virtual board games together. Drop in for just a bit or play the whole night. No registration required. This family-friendly event is open to all ages. 5:30–8 p.m.

Feb. 18: Natural Dyeing. Learn about the natural dyeing process with demonstrations led by Jess Webb. Materials demonstrated in the workshop need to be purchased separately but are not required to participate in the class. Learn about indigo, Shibori, wildcrafting and the natural dye process. 2–3:30 p.m.

DON'T MISS IT!

Feb. 22: Malcolm X with Active Minds. Hear a review of the life and legacy of this civil rights leader. To his admirers, Malcolm X was a courageous advocate for the rights of blacks. His detractors, however, accused him of preaching racism and violence. Learn how his efforts impacted history and how his ideas continue to influence our society today. 2 p.m.

Feb. 23: Virtual Travel Training 101. RTD offers a cost-effective way to get around the metro area but navigating the RTD system takes some skill. Join DRMAC (Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council) for this introduction to using RTD. From finding bus stops and stations to planning the most effective route, learn skills to effectively use RTD. 2 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Take & Make Kits for Children in Preschool–5th Grade: February Kit. Create beautiful tissue paper flowers at home. Beginning Feb. 1, call the library to schedule a curbside pickup of the kit supplies and instructions. All you need at home are scissors and a ruler. One kit per child, while supplies last.

Streaming Story Times: Weekday Mornings. Join Bemis Children's librarians from the safety of your own home for these favorite story times: Baby & Toddler Story Box, Preschool Story Times and Family Story Times for All Ages. Access the Zoom links at bemis.marmot.org > Children > Children's Room > Children's Videos.

Learn Something New with PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next. Explore PebbleGo for K–3rd grade students and PebbleGo Next for 3rd–5th grade students. These online, interactive resources are fun and easy to use. Children learn about topics such as animals, science, health, social studies and states. Find these resources at bemis.marmot.org > Children > Children's Room > Library Resources and scroll down to find PebbleGo and PebbleGo Next.

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

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Talk Tuesday. Hang out in our weekly Zoom meetings to get updates on what's going on at the library, play games and stay connected. No registration required. Join through the link on the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org. 4–5:30 p.m.

Feb. 2 & 16: Dungeons & Dragons

Feb. 9 & 23: Jack Box/Digital Board Games

Feb. 11 & 25: Among Us. Try to finish your tasks and suss out the imposters among us. Participants will need access to a computer or mobile device along with the downloaded game Among Us. Registration is required. 4–5:30 p.m.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

- Accredited by the American Association of Museums • Smithsonian Institution Affiliate
- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120 • 303-795-3950

Museum Access

On Jan. 26, 2021, the main building at the Littleton Museum reopened to the public with limited capacity.

- **Hours:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m., Tuesday–Saturday.
- **Capacity:** The museum has a limit of 50 visitors per hour and reservations are required.
- **Groups:** Visiting groups should be from the same household. No school or organized groups are permitted.
- **Social Distancing:** Visiting groups should maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing from other visitors, and are strongly encouraged to limit their time at the museum to one hour. Five people are allowed in the galleries at one time.
- **Masks:** Masks are required.
- **Reservations:** Please call the museum at 303-795-3950

Current Exhibits

The Littleton Museum has four galleries that highlight the history, art and culture of the community as well as traveling exhibits from the Smithsonian Institution and other museums.

- **Spirit:** The Littleton Gallery features the permanent exhibit “Littleton: Spirit of Community.”
- **Fine Art:** The Fine Arts Gallery’s traveling exhibit “Colorado Abstracted: Five Artists Capture the Transcendental Experience of Nature” runs through Feb. 27.
- **Toys:** The temporary exhibit “The Way We Played” remains on display in the Changing Gallery; this show has been extended into the summer.



- **Kids Connection:** The Kids Connection, a high-touch interactive experience for the Museum’s youngest visitors, is closed due to the pandemic.



Receiving Friends Email Communications

The Friends Board is using a new email system to communicate with members for whom we have email addresses. Please make sure to add the following email address to your contacts list:



friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com

That way, you won’t miss our news and membership information, including the monthly Oracle and membership renewal reminders. Also, check your spam folders for any previous communications we have sent since August 2020.

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Contact Information

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6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3950
littletongov.org/museum

Tuesday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. by reservation
Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

Bemis Public Library

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bemismarmot.org (Register for a Library Card at left)
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www.littletongov.org/bemis

See littletongov.org/bemis for current hours

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Colorado Abstracted

FIVE ARTISTS CAPTURE THE TRANSCENDENTAL EXPERIENCES OF NATURE

January 22 through February 27, 2021



Lydia Riegle



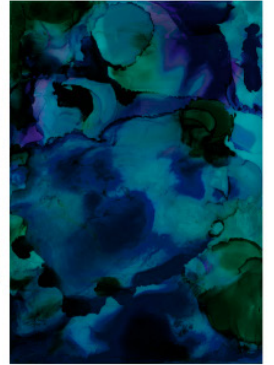
Cyncie Winter



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Easter

FUN WITH THE FRIENDS!

Friends Board Director Al Stutson devised fun contests to get everyone in the Easter Spirit this year! The images here offer clues but watch for more details next month. We sincerely hope to safely host the Friends Annual Easter Egg Hunt in 2022!



HAPPY EASTER