

Board Message

From 275 to 200,000. This year marks the 125th anniversary of library services in Littleton, and things have changed a little bit over time! In 1897, the Littleton Library opened in a downtown drugstore and offered 275 books. From there, it moved to occupy Town Hall and then to the iconic Melting Pot building (aka the Carnegie Building). The existing Bemis Library building opened in 1965 and expanded in 1982. Today, the Bemis Library houses approximately 200,000 volumes and (absent Covid-19 effects) will experience annual material circulation in excess of 500,000 and nearly 300,000 patron visits. Littleton obviously loves its Library! Congratulations to the library on this anniversary milestone and, we hope, on another 125 years for future generations to enjoy!

Your Friends dollars at work...and then some. Check out the 18 new story walk posts spread along the walkways in Gallup Gardens just east of the library. The Friends teamed up with South Suburban through its Matching Gifts Program to make it happen. The story walk program was born of the need for social-distancing but proved so popular that it has become a permanent program. We're sure this unique feature will be a big hit, especially once the warmer weather comes around this spring.

Happy Valentine's Day! Hint: It's Monday, Feb. 14, for those of you who need to be reminded.

As always, thank you for your continued support to make our library and museum even better. We can only do what we do because of Friends like you!

Sincerely,

Your Friends' Board



Mule Training? That's right. The mules at the Littleton Museum require training, so this year the Friends ponied up the cash to pay for it. The trainer Moose worked with historic farmer Steve and mule Julie on educational demonstrations such as pulling a small wagon. Thanks to your membership fees, donations and attendance at fundraisers, the Friends are able to provide financial support to the museum's living history farms.



Holiday's Evening & The Making of the Luminarias. This year, 1,250+ community members enjoyed our Holiday's Evening on the museum grounds featuring living history interpreters, wagon rides, music, the Smithsonian Bell Ensemble, letters to Santa, snacks and more. A special treat every year is the luminarias lighting the outdoor walkways—made even more special this year thanks to Boy Scout Troop #870 of Highlands Ranch. The Scouts helped us replace our typical paper bag luminarias with 150 tin can lanterns created by punching designs with nails. The new luminarias are much more festive and more consistent with the timeframes depicted on the museum farms. Thank you Troop #870—you certainly lived up to the third Scout principle of being HELPFUL!

See the special insert for details on this year's Friends Annual Meeting!

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Curl Up with a Good Book!

Feb. 1–28

Re-engage with the joy and comfort of reading during this special month-long Adult Winter Reading Program: The Comforts of Reading. Each week, the library will highlight a theme and invite the community to reflect on favorite books and reading memories. Share recommendations for a chance to win book-related prizes, and discover what others in the community have enjoyed reading. Stop by the information desk for details.

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.

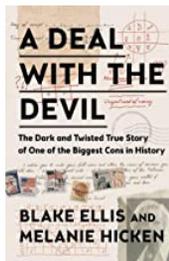
BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and Zoom discussions in the [Library Events Calendar](#).

Feb. 2: Senior Book Group. *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. 1 p.m.

Feb. 9: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club. *A Deal with the Devil* by Blake Ellis. Meet at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6 p.m.

Feb. 16: Evening Book Club. *The Highest Tide* by Jim Lynch. Attend in-person or via Zoom. 5:30 p.m.



GENERAL PROGRAMS

Feb. 3, 10, 17 & 24: Senior Social Club. Please join us for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Feb. 4: Mundo Místico–Nicaragua. Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries at these monthly programs. Attend at Bemis or via Zoom. Registration required. 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 11: Board Games @ Bemis. Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

Feb. 12: Concert with Jerry Barlow. Enjoy a musical performance with fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow whose repertoire includes traditional music from the British Isles and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions. 2 p.m. followed by Friends Annual Meeting.

Feb. 19: Forever Flowers Craft (Two Classes). Create paper and fabric flowers that can bring cheer in the depths of winter. Registration required. Sign up for the time you prefer: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.

Feb. 23: Dungeons & Dragons. Roll the dice, join a group and let your imagination soar as we play this popular tabletop roleplaying game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Teen volunteer Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service hours for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Ages 10 to adult welcome. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.

Feb. 28: Harriet Tubman with Active Minds. Tubman is credited with making at least 13 journeys as a “conductor” on the Underground Railroad guiding enslaved people to freedom. Active Minds will explore the life and legacy of this remarkable woman remembered as “the Moses of her people.” 2 p.m.



YOUTH EVENTS

Feb. 1–14: Blind Play Date with a Book. Kids in grades 5 and under can find a new book to love this Valentine's Day by checking out a surprise book. We'll have our most eligible books wrapped up and tagged with a clue. Children can select the one they like best, check it out and unwrap it when they get home.

Feb. 12: Paws to Read. Kids in grades K–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Feb. 18: Merry-Andrew Afoot. Families with kids of all ages will enjoy this strong, smart, sassy—and very classy—cowboy show. He's the best cowboy in the West. Except for his tail. Leroy Leonard is a one-person theatrical hoot playing all the parts in this silly play filled with cowboy poetry, guacamole and (gulp) rattlesnakes. Bring your dancin' spurs 11–11:30 a.m.



Feb. 19: Drop-In Discovery Art. Kids in grades 5 and under can drop in and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration. 1–3 p.m.

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.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis.* For families with children of all ages, bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared while socially distancing outside on the lawn at the library. In poor weather conditions, story time will be held in the meeting room downstairs. Call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk to register. Space is limited. 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

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TEEN EVENTS

Feb. 2: Creative Writing Contest Workshop.

Find inspiration, get help and work on your entry for the Friends Creative Writing Contest. Pizza and snacks served. For grades 1–12 planning to participate in the contest. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.

Feb. 9: Teen Advisory Group.

TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event in May. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends and have fun. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

Feb. 16: Tweeneday:

Chocolate Games. Kids in grades 5–12 play games of skill and luck for delicious candy prizes. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.



Feb. 23: Dungeons & Dragons. Sign up to play D&D or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza served. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with

anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Register using the February Library Events Calendar at littletongov.org.

Feb. 17: Nextdoor Social Networking Service.

Nextdoor is a private, free social network to connect neighborhoods. Each user must verify his or her address to participate, so you know the folks posting are part of your community. Littleton has many active members. Learn how to set up an account, post and comment on Nextdoor. Prerequisites: Familiarity with an internet browser and an email address. Registration required. Register using the February Library Events Calendar at littletongov.org. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in TheStudio@Bemis, our new makerspace. Get training on how to use our Cricut Makers or sewing machines safely and independently. Registration required. Register using the February Library Events Calendar at littletongov.org.



Bemis Hosting Free Housing Navigation Services

Stop by Bemis every Monday from 2:30–4:30 p.m. for free drop-in assistance with applying for housing, rental/mortgage and utility assistance. Services are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Help Wanted! Friends Volunteers

If you have time to help with membership recruiting or communications, please email lisa@ohlgreteam.com. **The Used Book Sale is in need of cashiers as well.**

Used Book Sale Reminders

February is a great month to curl up with a good book, whether you love romance, mystery, science fiction or history. Stop by the Used Book Sale, which supports the amazing programming at the library and museum. The sale is accepting limited donations (two boxes per person); call Kristi Moran at 303-795-3961 to arrange a time.

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2022 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

Littleton Fine Arts Board

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Space to Wonder

Juried by Rupert Jenkins

On Display January 21, 2022 to March 12, 2022

Littleton Museum - 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120



There is no science to explain what causes us to admire those things that strike us as amazing. But wonder is a shared human emotion, some would say the hallmark of human experience. Some believe wonder wanes with age and is unattainable as we become information-retaining adults. But if we are given the space to wonder, does this change? And what does space to wonder encompass? Is it a literal or a physical space, a mental space? Is it permission to admit ignorance and awe? Does it have a sense of urgency or is it irrespective of time and physical location? This year's 41-piece exhibition—featuring Colorado artists working in photography—brings us space to wonder.

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November 5, 2021 through November 27, 2022

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