

President's Message



Happy New Year!

We just wrapped up an amazing year for the Friends and 2020 promises to be even better, thanks to all of you!

A special thank you to all of the Friends volunteers who worked at our hugely successful Holiday Book Sale, offering buyers very affordable books for gifts or for themselves. The book sale operates year-round and is always looking for Friends to fill open time slots. A small army of Friends volunteers also made Holiday's Evening a huge success, even though the 1960s farm and wagon rides weren't available due to dangerously muddy conditions. Beautiful decor, musical entertainment and delicious treats were enjoyed by all who attended. We really appreciate the extra efforts of the museum staff as well.

In December, the Friends received a \$10,000 grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Bob and Linda Davis Family Fund to support the digitization of materials in our museum collection. When complete, this will allow easy online access to the collection without compromising the original documents and items. What an important and generous gift!

Check out The Friends' updated and user-friendly website! Visit friendslittleton.org and take some time to explore the whole site. You can access previous Oracles, find volunteer information, view the recording of the FIASCO performance at the 2019 Annual Meeting and much more! A huge thank you to Board Director Carolyn Hinkley, our tech guru!



Lisa Ohlgren
Board President

Your Friends Funds at Work in the Community



Last year, the Friends funded five scholarships for the Career Online High School through Bemis Library. Our \$1,195 donation helped Littleton residents, including Jazlyn Brazee, who inspires others with her vulnerability, bravery and pleasure in accomplishing the goal of completing this program.

Creative Writing Contest: Writing Workshop Thursday January 2, 2-4pm

Learn writing tools, get ideas, and prepare to create your own **short story, poem, or comic** to submit in the **Friends of the Library and Museum Creative Writing Contest.**

For participants between 1st and 12th grade.

Snacks will be served.

No registration required.



Creative Writing Contest
Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum
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*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.

AWRC NEW HOURS

The Aging Well Resource Center hours are changing starting Jan. 2:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday:** 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** Closed
- **Friday:** 9 a.m.–noon

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.

Jan. 6–Feb. 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.

Jan. 6: Senior Book Club. Book selection and discussion for 2020.

Jan. 7: DIY Body Care for Every Body. Scrub goodbye to skin care chemicals and learn fun and easy do-it-yourself body care using oils, foods and everyday ingredients at home. Presented by Kelly Andis, Nutritional Health Coach for Natural Grocers. 7 p.m.

Jan. 11: Musical Performance: Teresa Carroll Jazz Quartet. Jazz singer Teresa Carroll will perform "Songs Rarely Sung" from the Great American Songbook at this special musical concert. 2 p.m.

Jan. 13: Fly Cheap, Stay Cheap, Travel Cheap. Learn the secrets of traveling in style on a limited budget from travel columnist and author Ron Stern. His book, *Fly Cheap, Stay Cheap, Travel Cheap*, will be available for purchase at the program for \$15. 2 p.m.

Jan. 15: Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group. *The Pearl that Broke its Shell* by Nadia Hashimi. If you enjoy talking about books, meet us in the gallery on the lower level of the library. This group met on Mondays and will now meet on the third Wednesday of each month. 7–8 p.m.

Jan. 17: Reel Life: Documentary Film Club.* *Reel Injun—On the Trail of the Hollywood 'Indian'*. Watch a documentary and then participate in an open discussion about the film. Light refreshments served. 6 p.m.

Jan. 18: Crafts for Grownups: Clean Slate Crafts.* It's always nice to start a new year with a clean slate...or a clean craft area. And boy, does our craft closet need cleaning out! If we've done a craft in the past that you loved, or one that you hated to miss, this is your chance for a reprise. Our miscellaneous leftovers will be available for your creative touch. 2–4 p.m.

Jan. 23: Books at Buck. *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple. We're partnering with South Suburban to provide a book group at the Buck Center! The discussion starts at 1 p.m., following the Thursday lunch (call 303-730-4605 for details on lunch). 2004 W. Powers Ave., 1 p.m.

Jan. 23: Books & Beer, Brewing up Great Discussions. *Blindspot: Hidden Biases of Good People* by Mahzarin R. Banaji and Anthony G. Greenwald. Arrive early to take advantage of happy hour prices. Blind Faith Brewing, 2842 W. Bowles Ave., 6 p.m.

Jan. 25: Movie Matinee. *Where'd You Go, Bernadette?* Based on the bestselling novel by Maria Semple, a loving mom becomes compelled to reconnect with her creative passions after years of sacrificing for her family. Enjoy popcorn and lemonade at the film. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

Jan. 27: Ukraine with Active Minds. Join Active Minds as we review the history, present issues and future challenges of this former Soviet satellite country. 2 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Jan. 3: Thunderbirds Show. The Thunderbirds are colorful and exotic parrots, and throughout the show you will learn about each one. Thrill to non-stop action as these beautiful birds perform exciting tricks to music and the cues of renowned animal trainer and performer, John Vincent. For families with children of all ages. 11 a.m.–noon.

Jan. 4: Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club.* You bring the creativity and we'll provide the Legos. For kids in grades K–5. 3–4 p.m.

Jan. 6: Makedo Construction. Join us in building imaginative creations from repurposed, everyday cardboard. We'll provide a variety of boxes and the Makedo tools that allow us to build group projects beyond the simple cardboard creations of the past. For children in grades K–5 and their caregivers. 1–2 p.m.

Jan. 11: Paws to Read.* Kids in grades 1–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

Jan. 18: Drop-in Crafts. Stop by anytime and warm up while you work on a make-and-take wintry project. For children ages 5 and older. 10:30–11:30 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Jan. 2: Creative Writing Contest: Writing Workshop. Learn writing tools, get ideas and prepare to create your own short story, poem or comic to submit in the Friends Creative Writing Contest. For grades 1–12. Snacks served. 2–4 p.m.

Jan. 9: 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 are welcome to drop in to play for a while or stay for the whole evening. Pizza and snacks served. Open to all ages. 5–8:30 p.m.

Jan. 16: Smash Bros. Tournament.* Put your skills to the test and see how you do against your friends. Gift cards to Game Stop are on the line in this elimination-style tournament. Pizza served. 5–7 p.m.

Jan. 23: Teen Advisory Group. Enjoy snacks and video games. Give us your feedback and suggestions to help make the library a better place. Active TAG members are invited to an exclusive Laser Tag event in the fall. Snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

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.

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 computer skills and have a little one-on-one time with a computer class instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks to your device. No registration required.

Jan. 6: Gmail Basics.* Learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google. Prerequisites: Computer basics and Internet basics. 9:30–11 a.m.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

Jan. 27: Fitness Apps for Health.* Do you need a little extra assistance sticking to your New Year's Resolutions? Join us in this health and fitness focused mobile apps class. We'll go over our favorite free apps for diet tracking, exercising and more for Apple and Android devices. Prerequisites: Smartphone. 9:30–11 a.m.

One-on-One Tech Help & Open Computer Labs:

- **Jan. 2:** Open Computer Lab
- **Jan. 6:** Gmail Basics*
- **Jan. 8:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.*
- **Jan. 9:** Open Computer Lab
- **Jan. 13:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **Jan. 15:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **Jan. 16:** Open Computer Lab
- **Jan. 22:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.*
- **Jan. 23:** Open Computer Lab
- **Jan. 27:** Fitness Apps for Health*
- **Jan. 29:** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. & 1–3 p.m.*
- **Jan. 30:** Open Computer Lab

THANK YOU!

The Littleton Museum staff thanks all our Friends volunteers this past year. From the Craft Fair to Harvest Festival to Holiday's Evening and more, you help make these events a success.

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



Through Jan. 3, 2021

Changing Exhibition Hall

Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages, especially adults. By discovering and playing as kids, we grew strong, learned important social and tactile skills, and developed powerful relationships. It is the memory of these experiences, and our connection to our favorite toys, that evoke strong feelings of nostalgia for our younger years. Using interactive stations, photographs of Littleton locals and their favorite toys, and artifacts from the Littleton Museum's Collection, visitors of all ages are invited to experience and recall the ways they played.

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.

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Jan. 9

Family Board Game Night,
Bemis Library

Jan. 11

Teresa Carroll Jazz Quartet,
Bemis Library

Jan. 23 & 25

Discuss *Where'd You Go Bernadette*
at the Buck Center and then see the
movie at Bemis Library

Jan. 24–March 1

Opening Outward Exhibit,
Littleton Museum

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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