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Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum

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Board Message: Bon Voyage 2021 and Entrez Vous 2022!

As the Friends organization enters its 57th year, the board is excited for 2022 and optimistic that we will see a continued return to normalcy from the Covid-19 fallout, especially now with the increased sales tax funding approved by Littleton voters. We're making plans for all of our great events—and we hope to see you there! We created the handy calendar below for you to

cut out and hang on your fridge so you never miss anything we coordinate or sponsor. (Volunteers are needed for the starred* events, so please get in touch!)

Thank you for your continued support—we can only do what we do because of Friends like you!

Happy New Year! Your Friends Board

2022 Friends Events Calendar

Saturday, Feb. 12

Friends' Annual Meeting Following the Jerry Barlow guitarist concert from 2-3 p.m. Light food and beverages provided. Bemis Public Library, 3:15 p.m.

March

55th Annual Creative Writing Contest The annual contest for school-age Littleton residents attracted a record 247 participants in 2021. We hope the enthusiasm continues!*

April

6th Annual Six Word Story Contest Watch for news on this fan favorite. "Alexa, add jackhammer to shopping list," was the adult winning story this last year. Can you top that this year?

Saturday, April 16

Easter Egg Hunt We heard the Easter Bunny may make an appearance. Also, be on the lookout for the jelly bean jar count contest in the weeks before. 10 a.m., Ketring Park*

May 23-July 31

Summer Reading Program A fun way for people of all ages to pick up the books you've been hoping to read and win a prize. Bemis Public Library



Wednesday, June 15, 22, 29



Wednesday, July 13, 20, 27

Museum Summer Concerts



Wednesday, Aug. 3 Museum Summer

Concerts



Thursday, Aug. 18 Western Welcome

Week Concert–Library



Concerts: Bring your friends, blankets, lawn chairs, cooler and dancing shoes to enjoy a different band each week. We hope to have food

trucks. 6:30-8 p.m.

Aug. 12-21

95th Western Welcome Week Visit our week-long special used book sale, concert on the library front lawn (Aug. 18) and booth at the Grand Parade (Aug. 20).

Saturday, Oct. 1

51st Annual Craft Fair A great way to get outside, mingle and get some early holiday shopping done from the fabulous handcrafted vendor selections. Ketring Park, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. *

Saturday, Oct. 8

Harvest Festival Best place to get your pumpkins while touring the grounds and indulging in the festivities. Littleton



Sunday, Dec. 11

Holiday's Evening Bonfires, luminarias, wagon rides, refreshments, music entertainment... need we say more? Great way to get into the holiday spirit. Littleton Museum, 5:30-8 p.m.*

Year-Round

Friends Used Book Sale, including special sales throughout the year, Bemis*

One Book One Littleton, Bemis* onebook

one l'ittleton *Volunteers Needed

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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 <u>Library Events</u> <u>Calendar</u>.

Jan. 5: Senior Book Group. American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins. Attend in-person or via Zoom. 1 p.m.



Jan. 12: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club.

Zero: *The Biography of a Dangerous Idea* by Charles Seife. Meet at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6 p.m.

Jan. 19: Evening Book Club. *The Good Lord Bird* by James MacBride. Attend in-person or via Zoom. 5:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Jan. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Senior Social Club. Please join us every Thursday for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Jan. 10: Beginner Genealogy Workshop.*
Want to research your ancestors

but don't know where to start? This basic workshop provides participants with resources and valuable local connections to begin doing genealogy research. Registration and fees by Jan. 7 required. See the All Events Calendar at bemis.marmot. org for full details. 1–2:30 p.m.

Jan. 11: Budgeting and Saving with Canvas Credit Union.* Tell your money where to go instead of wondering where it went. Pick up the tools and resources at this seminar to get started mastering your money goals, setting spending plans, tracking expenses, and affording life. Hybrid in-person/virtual. 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 13: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.* Join BMoCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about the museum's new exhibition, *Incredible Lightness*. The library provides art supplies for participants to create their own project. 2 p.m.

Jan. 14: Mundo Mistico–Mexico. Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Each month explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Hybrid in-person/virtual. 9:30 a.m.

Jan. 14: Board Games @ Bemis. Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

Jan. 22: A Bright New Year Craft.* In the dark winter months, nothing says cozy quite like candlelight. Join us to create lovely candles to share the warmth using a crockpot, old crayons, mismatched teacups and bits of sparkle. 2–3:30 p.m.

Jan. 24: Afghanistan with Active Minds. Join Active Minds for a look at the story of Afghanistan, both before and since 9/11. We also will look forward at the recent withdrawal of U.S. troops and what the future holds for this war-torn country. 2 p.m.

Jan. 29: Concert—Close n' Counter. Locals Gordon Close and Richard Blanchard perform rich, easy listening melodies on their steelstring jazz and nylon-string guitar classics. 2 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

Available 24/7: 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. Story time will be held outdoors unless temperatures are below 45 degrees or in the case of high winds, snow, or rain. In these cases, 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.

Jan. 3:1 Want to Be an Astronaut.* Kids in grades K-5 discover what it's like to train for launching into space with SpaceTimeKids. Learn about the NASA programs and facilities to get astronauts ready for space travel, design your own space mission, try your skill at walking in Micro Gravity Boots, experience a simulated rocket launch and more. Call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk to register. 11–11:45 a.m.

Jan. 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. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Jan. 15: Drop-In Discovery Art. Kids in grades 5 and under, drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library provides materials and inspiration. 1–3 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Jan. 5: Anime Party. Make your own bubble tea, enjoy Japanese snacks and watch a classic Studio Ghibli film. Registration is required. 5–6:30 p.m.



Jan. 12: Teen Advisory Group. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, have fun and earn community service credit. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event in May. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

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Jan. 19: Tweensday—Strings and Things.* Kids in grades 5–12 create unique crafts and gifts out of damaged books. Register through the Event Calendar. 5–6:30 p.m.

Jan. 26: Dungeons & Dragons.* Sign up to play D&D or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza served. Register through the Event Calendar. 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.

Jan. 20: Intro to Pinterest.* Learn the basics of Pinterest, including how to create an account, connect with friends that use Pinterest and organize your ideas and inspirations. 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.

Jan. 4 & 18: The Studio @Bemis — Open Lab. Drop in to The Studio @Bemis to learn more about the space and its resources. Activities for the whole family will be provided, or feel free to bring any project you've been working on and connect with other makers. 4–6 p.m.

Jan. 11: DIY: Pom Poms.* Learn to use 3D printed pom-pom makers to create your own pom poms to decorate clothing or accessories, or they can be a work of art all on their own. 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 13 & 27: The Studio@Bemis—Stitch Circle. Calling all knitters, crocheters and embroiderers. Bring in projects you've been working on or come to learn the basics of knitting or crocheting. This will be an opportunity to meet and learn from other makers in the community. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Help Wanted! Tech Support for the Friends Organization

If you have the time and skills to help the Friends with communications, our website and activity coordination, please email lisa@ohlgrenteam.com.

Used Book Sale—Sales & Donations

Thanks to everyone who shopped our annual Holiday Sale, the Used Book Sale brought in more than \$4,000 to support the amazing programming at the library and museum. We are accepting limited donations (two boxes per person); call Kristi Moran at 303-795-3961 to arrange a time.

Cultural Pass Program



Bemis Public Library, with support from the Friends, provides passes

for the Butterfly Pavilion, Denver Botanic Gardens locations, Museo de las Americas and Wings Over the Rockies locations. Benefits vary by institution and may require reservations. To reserve a pass, search <u>Cultural Pass Program</u> at littletongov.org.

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Bemis Public Library

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See <u>www.littletongov.org/bemis</u> for current hours, services and information

Website: friendslittleton.org

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Get answers to all the questions you never knew you had about clothing!
Stop by the Littleton
Museum and give yourself a free tour of The Secret Life of Clothes exhibit through
Nov. 27, 2022.

- How were clothes made from 1880–1910 compared to today?
- How did clothes evolve from a basic necessity to a societal expression?
- What is the future of clothing?
- **(a)** Can we create a more sustainable clothing lifecycle for future generations?



2022 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition
Littleton Fine Arts Board

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Space to Wonder

On Display January 21, 2022 to March 12, 2022

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