

## President's Message



Greek philosopher Heraclitus proclaimed "Change is the only constant in life" around 500 B.C., and you couldn't find a more appropriate quote for today. Let's hope things are beginning to change for the better as we learn the new

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-Heraclitus

rules and operate in a new normal.

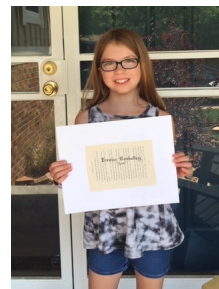
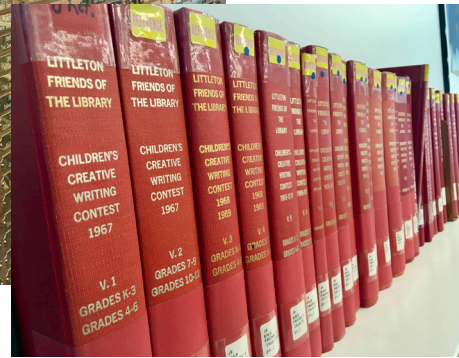
Our creative and dedicated staff members at both the library and museum are doing an amazing job of developing programs for all to safely enjoy. See inside this issue for all the options, including a new Happiness Book Club! Plus, the library is offering curbside pickup for reserved items—call or check online for details. As always, visit [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) to access ebooks, eaudiobooks, movies, digital magazines, music and more with your library card.

Be sure to watch for information on the Friends Annual Meeting to be held at the museum on Sept. 18, 2020. All members will vote on a new Board for next year, see who earned Volunteer Service Awards and safely celebrate another successful, if challenging, year of Friends supporting the Library and Museum.

Be safe, be well and be happy!

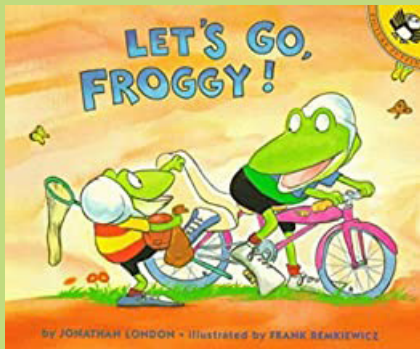
*Lisa Ohlgren*  
Board President

**Virtual Celebration for Real Creative Writers!** To keep our Creative Writing Contest winners safer at home, we delivered yard signs to share the great news with friends, family and passersby! Visit [friendslittleton.org/friends-blog](http://friendslittleton.org/friends-blog) to see all the winners.



# BEMIS LIBRARY

## FUN FOR ALL AGES! A Walk in the Park... With a Story



Stroll through the park enjoying literacy, physical activity and the outdoors! Laminated pages from a picture book are attached to signs placed along a path. Begin at sign #1 near the southeast corner of the Bemis Library parking lot, then simply follow the numbered signs along the path to read the full story. There's a new picture book posted throughout Gallup Gardens: *Let's Go, Froggy* by Jonathan London is ready for you.

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**Imagine Your Story Summer Reading 2020\***. Details and registration information is available online at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Sign up for a chance to win prizes. Summer reading runs through Aug. 9.

**July 2, 15, 25: Virtual Book Clubs.** Find links to the books and discussion sessions by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

• **Virtual Fiction Book Club.** July 2, 1 p.m., *The Magnetic Girl*, by Jessica Handler.

• **Virtual Nonfiction Book Club.** July 15, 1 p.m., *Can't Nothing Bring Me Down*, by Ida Keeling.

• **Happiness Book Club.** July 25, 1 p.m., *The How of Happiness*, by Sonja Lyubomirsky.

**Senior Social Club: Every Friday in July.** Stay connected with Friday conference call chats. To join, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Cell phones and landlines, call 1-301-715-8592. Enter Meeting ID 987 926 117 when prompted. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**July 7: Protect Your Skin from the Inside Out.** Learn to achieve healthy skin through good food, nutrition and sun protection from Natural Grocers. To join, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). 2 p.m.

**July 20: Women's Suffrage in the U.S. with Active Minds.** In August, the U.S. will recognize the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote with the 19th Amendment. Join Active Minds for this discussion of voting rights and current gender equality issues. To participate, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). 2 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Bemis Summer Reading Program.\*** Imagine a wonderful summer of reading, enjoying the outdoors and participating in activities. Details about how infants through fifth graders may participate are available at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Sign up to earn prizes. Children who meet reading goals based on their age will receive a free book to keep.

**July 8: Wild Ways to Paint—All Ages Craft Program.** Painting with string, blowing bubbles colored with watercolors, scratching paint with forks and more. For a list of supplies and to participate, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Click the link found on July 8. Noon–1:30 p.m.

**Bemis Library Kids' Corner Videos.** Children's Librarians are sharing short story times, early literacy tips and puppet shows with new creations premiering every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. To see the videos, search YouTube for the LittletonGov channel.

**Bemis Library Dial-a-Story.** Your child can listen to a story anytime by calling 303-795-3960.

## TEEN EVENTS

**Teen Summer Reading Program Events\*.** To register for teen summer reading and any of the teen virtual programs listed below, click on Register for Summer Reading 2020 at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org). Then, click on the teen summer reading banner. You will find links to register for the following July programs.

• **July 2: Book Fight\*.** Part book club, part fight club. We're playing Bring Your Own Book: like Apples to Apples played with crazy prompts you answer from books in your own home. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

• **July 9: Ask A Cosplayer\*.** Talk to awesome cosplayers from My Hero Academia, DC Comics and D&D about how they make their costumes, do makeup and show them off. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

• **July 16: Imagine Your Comic\*.** Learn more about creating comics and plan your own autobiographical comic with Terra of Atomic Pixies, a local comic book creator. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

• **July 23: Hero Building 101\*.** Learn the basics of how to create your Dungeons & Dragons character, and talk about how to make awesome, unique backstories that bring your characters to life. 2:30–3:30 p.m.

• **July 30: Codenames Online\*.** Work with a team to locate hidden agents in this dangerous game of word association. May the best spies win. 2 p.m.

**Tuesdays in July: Teen Talk Tuesday.** Hang out at our weekly Zoom meeting to talk with other teens and teen librarian Miss Emily. Play games, deliver your weekly book review and get updates on what's happening at the library. 4–5 p.m. To join, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

**July 9: Board Games @ Your Home.** The monthly Board Game night is online. Join a team to play digital games run by a librarian. 5:30–8:30 p.m. To join, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

## COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING

**Virtual One-on-One Tech Help—various dates and times\*.** Sign up for a 45-minute individualized virtual tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources to internet connectivity, video chatting and more. For dates, times and to register, go to the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

# LITTLETON MUSEUM

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**Find activities for all ages that you can do at home.** Find the following options on Facebook, Instagram and <https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/museum/museum-at-home>.

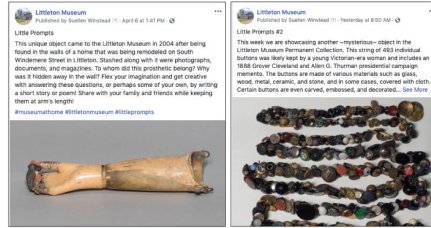
**Ask Farmer Steve.** Learn about the livestock that live on the living history farms at the Littleton Museum. Watch this weekly family-friendly video series on the Museum's Facebook page.



**Cooking from the Pioneer Pantry.** This video series highlights receipts and cooking techniques from the 1860s during times of scarcity. Filmed at the Littleton Museum in the 1860s cabin.

**Hidden Histories of Objects Posts.** Like most museums, we can't display all our 50,000+ cool objects all the time. We'll post an artifact weekly, explore its hidden history and explain why it's

part of the collection! #HiddenHistory #MuseumAtHome #LittletonMuseum



**Little Prompts.** Posted every Monday to Facebook and Instagram. Each week the Museum will post a photograph of unique artifacts from the Museum's collection to serve as a creative prompt and to encouraging people to write a story or poem to share with friends and family. #museumathome #littletonmuseum #littleprompts

**So, you think you know the Littleton Museum?** Posted every Tuesday on Facebook. How well do you know the Littleton Museum? Can you spot what is missing from these photographs? Post your answer in the comment section and see if you are right!

**Throw Back Thursdays.** Every Thursday, the Communications Department and Littleton Museum will post to Facebook and Twitter historic photos from the museum's collections.

## per•spec•tives

The per•spec•tives show features the work of the 2019 Best of Show artists, Courtney Cotton and Gabrielle Graves. Follow the Littleton Museum on Facebook and Instagram, or visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) and search for "perspectives exhibit." Fun updates on Fridays—such as artist talks, virtual tours, insights on specific works—will keep the audience engaged with the exhibit throughout its entire run (through July 19).

ACTIVITY CARD  
per•spec•tives  
Works by Gabrielle Graves



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[www.littletongov.org/museum/events](http://www.littletongov.org/museum/events)  
 Tuesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
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### Bemis Library

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 Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.  
 Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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# Living History Farms Reopen!



**The living history farms at the Littleton Museum are now open to the public on a limited schedule!** In compliance with the state's orders relating to parks and open spaces, the farms are open as passive use spaces. The walkways are open and the farm's livestock is available for viewing, but the historic buildings and interpretive programming are not available. Access to the farms is through the gate adjacent to the parking lot.

The gate is staffed during visiting hours. Visitors are strongly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings and to observe social distancing while on the museum grounds. As usual, pets are not allowed on the grounds (with the exception of service animals) and food and drink are not permitted. The farms are now open Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed holidays, weekends, and Mondays.

## Summer Concert Series LISTEN @ HOME

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 Littleton Museum Summer Concert schedule has been postponed until 2021. We're disappointed we can't host you to enjoy live music, but we highly encourage you to learn about and listen to the 2021 band lineup from the safety of your own home. Grab a blanket, some snacks and your loved ones, and recreate your summer concert setup as you listen to these incredibly talented locals sing our troubles away! Visit [littleton.gov.org](http://littleton.gov.org) > City Services > City Departments > Museums > Programs & Events > 2020 Summer Concert Series.

- Two Faces West
- Half Pint & the Growlers
- Dakota Blonde
- Delta Sonics
- Juice O' The Barley
- Buckstein

