

## President's Message



**Finding Good.** At times, I might be accused of "being a Pollyanna." Remember her? She's the orphaned girl from the 1913 novel *Pollyanna* by Eleanor Porter. Pollyanna plays the "glad game" of finding

something good in every situation, such as:

- Despite the scorching hot days so far, we are enthusiastically looking forward to seeing you at our Summer Concerts!
- In 2020, library and museum staff had to be let go, but we've received assistance for temporary positions from the American Rescue Plan.
- With all the losses and hardships, Covid also gave us opportunities to re-evaluate programs, resources and life in general.

I can't always be a Pollyanna—and I certainly wasn't when I heard about the financial state of the City of Littleton. We're facing a \$6.5 million revenue shortfall and one of the suggested fixes is to eliminate "community assets like Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum."

Would this really happen? We certainly hope not! What can we do?

- Be informed: Read about the situation. [LittletonFundingFix.org](http://LittletonFundingFix.org).
- Be realistic: Many of the things we love about Littleton cost money; either revenue has to increase or expenses have to decrease.
- Be supportive: It's not easy being a leader during tough times. Communicate what's important to you and your vision for the future of Littleton.
- Be glad: Appreciate that we have a high-quality library and museum, and that you are instrumental in their future well-being.

Pollyannaish? Maybe, but let's find and do good.

Sincerely,  
Lisa A. Hendry  
Board President

## TheStudio@Bemis

The newly designed Studio@Bemis provides makers and creators



with the space and resources to dive into ingenious projects.

Learn to sew, start a podcast, create with Cricut and more! TheStudio is furnished with technology and equipment to inspire imagination and innovation. Reserve it for personal projects, or watch the calendar for programs for all ages. According to Rachel Yoder, the multimedia specialist who runs the studio, "Technology and creativity are coming together and this is a perfect place for it to happen!"



## StoryWalk®

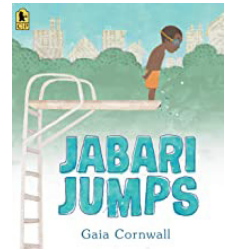


### Bemis Library StoryWalk® at Aspen Grove.

Explore the StoryWalk partnership between Bemis Library and Aspen Grove, this month featuring *Jabari Jumps* by Gaia Cornwall.

Children and families are invited to take a StoryWalk® starting at The Thinkery (near Hallmark) and read pages of the book posted in participating store windows. The story ends near Tattered Cover.

After reading, stop in at Tattered Cover and tell the staff what you liked about the book to receive a fun prize! (Kids only please!) Stories change monthly.

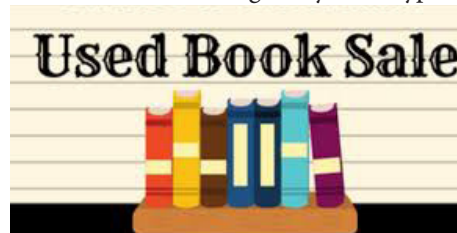


## USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

### Christmas in July Sale!

July 2–30

We couldn't hold a holiday sale last December, so we have lots of wonderful books waiting for readers. Now that it's time for summer reading, why wait until December to buy great books? Please stop by Bemis Public Library during regular hours to stock up for summer reading. Plus, look for holiday gifts in the hobby, children, teen, craft, fishing, sports and fiction areas among many other types of books.



## Summer Reading Programs for All Ages!

Visit [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) for details and registration.



### Tales & Tales: Adult Summer Reading Program.

There's still time to participate in Tales & Tales, our Adult Summer Reading Program. For a chance to win prizes, enter the reading and library programs you attend by July 31 at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).



### Children's Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales.

Be sure to sign up before July 31 for a chance to win prizes.



### Tails & Tales Teen Summer Reading.

Attend any Tuesday teen

events for automatic entry into the current week's prize drawings and the grand prize drawings at the end of July.

## REGISTRATION FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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](http://bemis.marmot.org). Unless otherwise noted, all events to be held at Bemis Public Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120.

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions in the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

**July 7, Senior Book.** *Big Summer* by Jennifer Weiner. 1 p.m.

**July 16, Fiction Book.** *Perestroika in Paris* by Jane Smiley. 1 p.m.

**July 28, Nonfiction Book.** *Nothing Daunted: The Unexpected Education of Two Society Girls in the West* by Dorothy Wickenden. 1 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

### Senior Social Club: Thursdays in July.

We're ready to meet in person once again! Please join us for a weekly outdoor chat, weather permitting\*. We will meet in Gallup Park, to the east of the library. Please bring your own chair. In poor weather, login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1-301-715-8592 (Meeting ID 987 926 117). 9:30–11:30 a.m.

### Board Games @ Your Home: Every Thursday.

Join in anytime as we play virtual board games together. Drop in for just a little while or play the whole night. No registration required. This program is family-friendly and open to all ages. 5:30–8 p.m.

**July 2, 16 & 30: Mundo Mistico.** Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Every two weeks explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language (Costa Rica July 2, Cuba July 16 and Dominican Republic July 30). Each session will introduce vocabulary and gentle language practice, plus explore the culture, art and heritage of each country. Bemis is excited to offer this new series in partnership with Museo de las Americas. Call the library to register (required). 9 a.m.

**July 6: Avoid Identity Theft & Scams with Canvas Credit Union.** Learn to minimize your risk of identity theft. Find out what data breaches mean to you and how to spot email scams, set secure passwords, peg phony phone calls, stay safe online and more. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID 838 2807 6030, Passcode 356784). 6 p.m.

**July 7 & 21: RTD Travel Training Field Trip to Union Station.** Denver Regional Mobility and Access Council is offering in-person training to help individuals learn how to use the RTD system. Participants will meet at the Littleton Downtown Station, take a complimentary train ride to Union Station and see other transit options available from that central hub. Call the library to register (required). 10 a.m.

**July 8: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.** Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's new exhibition, *The Stubborn Influence of Painting*, and create a piece of art inspired by the show. Registered participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project. Call the library to register (required). 2 p.m.

**July 13 & 20: Summer Safety Series with South Metro Fire Rescue.** July 13 is Senior Health and Successful Aging, and July 20 is Aging in Place. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID 992 4528 7818). 2 p.m.

**July 19: The Olympics with Active Minds.** Active Minds will explore the rich and sometimes confrontational history of the Olympic Games. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID 817 2989 2099, Password 538120). 2 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**June Family Entertainment: Tuesdays.** Programs for families with children 3 years and up. 11 a.m.

- July 6: HawkQuest presents Birds of Prey
- July 13: Tails & Tales Magic Library Show
- July 20: Cool Science
- July 27: Animal Olympics: A Visit from the Downtown Aquarium

**School Age Programs: Thursdays.** For kids entering grades 1–5. Call the library for registration (required one week in advance). 2 p.m.

- July 8: Pet Rocks
- July 15: Awesome Animal Aluminum Art
- July 22: Play-Dough Workshop
- July 29: All About Birds



# LITTLETON MUSEUM

## TEEN EVENTS

Register through the Virtual Events Calendar for any of these activities.

**July 6: D&D: Curse of the Chimera.** Help us create a magically mashed-up monster, and then fight it. 4–6:30 p.m.

**July 13: Tiny Tale Micro Books.** Bind your own itty-bitty book, journal or diary to wear on necklaces or keychains. 4–5 p.m.

**July 20: Borkin' Bingo.** Enjoy an animal meme filled game of bingo for candy prizes. 4–5 p.m.

**July 27: Small World Shrinkydinks.** Create miniature works of art with your own shrinkydinks. 4–5 p.m.

## COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS



### Virtual One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times.

Sign up for a 45-minute virtual 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 through the Virtual Events Calendar or call the library at 303-795-3961.

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## Last Chance!

### See The Way We Played by July 24!

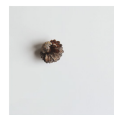


Don't miss this toy exhibit for all ages. Featuring artifacts from the Littleton Museum collection, as well as objects on loan, the exhibit prompts visitors to consider the ways that they engaged with different types of toys as a child. Interactive stations in the exhibit assist in the nostalgic experience through sensory engagement. There is even a memory share station where visitors can read other community members' stories about their favorite toys from childhood, and in turn leave their message about the way they played.

## Closing Soon!

### See I & We (Best of Show) by July 17

This exhibit features the artists who won "Best of Show" in competitive exhibitions in 2020. Ashley Allen won the 2020 Eye of the Camera exhibit, and Olga and Aleksey Ivanov won the 2020 Own an Original exhibit.



Ashley Allen  
Self-Lip 6



Aleksey and Olga Ivanov  
Sundance Wind

## Artist Talk: I & We

Friday, July 16, 4 p.m., Facebook

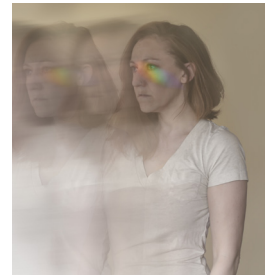
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Please join us for presentations by the artists featured in the I & We exhibit.

Ashley Allen and Olga and Aleksey Ivanov explore their inspirations and artistic processes as individuals and as partners through a curated selection of recent works.

Allen (above right), whose work explores the role of the individual within familial groups, as well as their relationship with nature, focuses on using photography to explore one's identity in the larger world.

With the Ivanovs (at right), spouses who have worked together on paintings for more than 25 years, collaborating harmoniously on each egg tempera painting reflects the strong bond they share as life partners.



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See [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum) for current hours and information

### Bemis Public Library

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[bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) (Register for a Library Card at left)  
[bemisteens.blogspot.com](http://bemisteens.blogspot.com)  
See [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis) for current hours, services and information

**Website:** [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org)

**Blog:** <https://friendslittleton.org/friends-blog>

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**Don't Miss Two Faces West's Fiery Blend of Rock & Blues on July 14!**



## Littleton Museum SUMMER Concert Series

Wednesday nights at the Littleton Museum  
from 6:30 pm to 8 pm

The Littleton Museum and the Friends of the Library and Museum are delighted to be able to welcome you and your families back to the museum front lawn for the 2021 Summer Concert Series. For full concert information, please visit

LittletonGov.org/Museum and check out the events tab or go to

[bit.ly/LMConcerts2021](https://bit.ly/LMConcerts2021)

The 2021 Littleton Museum Concert Series is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum.

