



THE ORACLE

Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum

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Board Message

Places. Quick, think of your favorite place. I have three. In the real world, I love Disneyland and my family's ranch in Montana. In the literary world, I love Tolkien's Middle-earth. This idea of finding your place is the theme of Bemis Library's summer reading program. If you haven't already, stop in and find a book to take you to another place.

Not sure what to read? I have a suggestion. In its second year, the library's One Book One Littleton program seeks to bring the community together to read a common book and have meaningful conversations. In the spirit of finding your place, the book selected this year is *Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country* by Colorado author Pam Houston.

In this beautiful story of finding her place, embracing her community and learning how to live in a way she never expected, Pam will have you laughing, crying and thinking of what makes your special place special. Don't wait! Grab a copy of the book from the library or your local bookstore. Watch for tickets to a free author event and ticketed reception to be held Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022.

Want to get involved? Start a book club with a few friends, your coworkers or an organization you're a part of. The library has discussion questions to make it easy! Think your business would want to get involved? Become a program sponsor and help us reach more people with this wonderful community-focused event (thanks to our sponsor Credit Union of Colorado!).

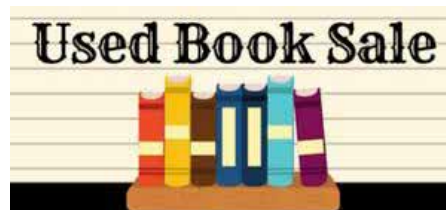
When you find yourself at a Friends concert or program this summer, be sure to stop by and say "hello"!

Briana McCrumb & Your Friends Board



Same Friends, New Look!

The traditional Friends logo (above right) has served our organization well for decades. The bright color reflects optimism and the three figures represent the Bemis Library, the Littleton Museum and the Friends themselves. Thanks to Moira Casey, Curator of Patron Engagement at the Littleton Museum, we recently completed a logo refresh to accommodate modern usage and reflect the diversity of our community. Moira worked closely with the board to honor our legacy while developing a look and color scheme that brings the Friends into the future.



Christmas in July: July 1-31

Stop by the Used Book Sale at Bemis Library during regular hours to choose from our very best books for summer reading and gifting! Americana, barbecue, summer cooking, art, fishing, sports, fiction and more! Proceeds support the free and low-cost programming the library and museum offer to our community.

Memorial Donations & Bequests

If the Friends organization is important to you, consider leaving a bequest in your will or asking that a memorial fund be established in your name. Visit friendslittleton.org > Membership > Member Info & Renewal or email friendslibrary-museum@gmail.com for information.



The Littleton Museum entertained and informed 1,085 visitors at Sheep to Shawl on a beautiful spring day in May!

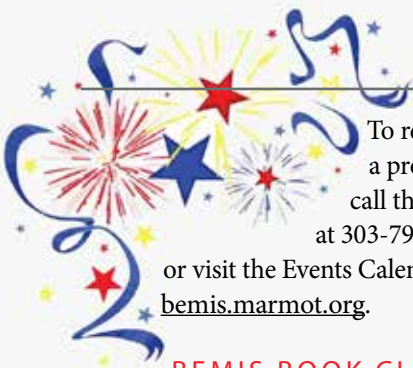
Craft Fair: Seeking Crafters & Volunteers for Oct. 1, 2022

Be a part of the Friends highly anticipated Craft Fair this fall! If you're a crafter, reserve your booth at littletoncraftfair.org. We're also looking for volunteers to manage the busy parking lots during the fair. If you'd love the fresh air and interaction, email lhampton1387@gmail.com.



Artist-in-Residence Workshops with Alejandra Abad July 14 & 16, 2-4 p.m.

All ages, join artist Alejandra Abad to create beautiful flags with messages of hope submitted by the community to be displayed at the library. Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or register online. Learn more about the artist at alejandraabad.com.



To register for a program, call the library at 303-795-3961 or visit the Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org.

BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any book club in the [June Library Events Calendar](#).

July 6: Senior Book Group. Ages 50+, discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. 1–2 p.m.

July 13: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club. Ages 21+, discuss *The Five: The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper* by Hallie Rubenhold at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

July 20: Evening Book Club. Ages 18+, discuss *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Through July 31: Find Your Place at the Library—Adult Summer Reading Program. Adults of all ages, pick up a bingo card and find your place at the library this summer. Completed bingo cards will enter readers into drawings for prizes.

July 1: Mundo Místico—Uruguay. Ages 16+ up, explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Attend at Bemis or via Zoom. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

July 5, 12, 19, 26: International Conversation Circle. Join us at the International Conversation Circle on the lower level of the library to meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. Registration required. Call Robert Little at 303-734-8413 or stop by LIRC to sign up. Every Tuesday, noon–1:30 p.m.

July 7, 14, 21, 28: Senior Social Club. Ages 50+, attend a weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

July 8: Board Games @ Bemis. All ages, drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

July 9: Musical Concerts at the Library—The Ballad of America. All ages, join the library for an afternoon of classic American tunes from all eras performed by award-winning accordionist Ron Tomocik. 2–3 p.m.

July 12: Senior Electronic Gaming Day. Ages 50+, enjoy a game of low-stress virtual bowling and other digital sports on the Nintendo Switch in the Conference Room. 1–3 p.m.

July 12: Streets of Denver and the Littleton Exception. All ages, learn the logic and history of Denver street names and why Littleton decided not to use the Denver grid. 6–7 p.m.

July 14 & 28: Stitch Circle. All ages, bring your own projects or come to learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery in the Studio@Bemis. This is your chance to meet and learn from and collaborate with other makers in the community. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

July 19: Gardening in Colorado—Xeriscape Gardening. All ages, learn about xeric landscaping, and the importance of planting waterwise and drought-tolerant plants in Colorado from a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County Colorado State University Extension Office. 6–7 p.m.



July 23: Cyanotype Craft. Ages 10+, create cyanotype, also known as sunprints, a unique and beautiful art form that uses the sun to

create impressions on paper or fabric. Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or register online. Two classes: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.

July 25: The U.S. Electric Grid with Active Minds. Adults of all ages, learn how the U.S. electric grid system works, its current challenges and its future opportunities. 2–3 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

Through July 31: Oceans of Possibilities—Summer Reading Program. Children from birth through students entering 5th grade, pick up a reading log at the library, read whatever you like and earn free books and other prizes. Visit bemismarmot.org for more information about programs and activities throughout the summer.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis. Bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared outside on the lawn. In poor weather conditions, story time will be held in the meeting room downstairs. No registration required. 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

July 5, 12, 19, 26: July Family Entertainment. Families with children ages 3+, join us Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

- **July 5: Music For Kids.** Eric West and a trunk filled with homemade treasures, unusual instruments, puppets and lumberjacks accompany his fun, original songs.
- **July 12: The Turtle and the Fisherman.** Salida Circus is an interactive adventure as the characters try to save an Underwater Circus from the perils of ocean trash.
- **July 19: Pirates: Lost at Sea.** Talewise combines storytelling with hands-on science in an action-packed adventure of quirky pirates marooned on a desert island.
- **July 26: The Greatest Show on Earth.** Marionette artist, Mark Hellerstein, brings puppets, magic and ventriloquism to his funny show with lots of audience participation.

July 7, 14, 21, 28: July School Age Programs. Children entering grades 1–5, join us every Thursday at 2 p.m. Reservations required one week in advance. Call 303-795-3961 to register.

- **July 7: Finger Knitting Fun.** Learn to finger knit your very own fuzzy animal friend.

- **July 14: Play Dough Workshop.** Make your own homemade dough then jazz it up with colors, scents and sparkles.
- **July 21: Experience Hawaii.** Arts, crafts, music, dance, games and more.
- **July 28: South Platte Express.** Carson Nature Center brings the fun and educational River Table for hands-on activities all about erosion, flooding and river dynamics.

July 9: Paws to Read. Kids in grades 1–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

July 16: Drop-In Discovery Art. Kids grades 5 and under, drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration, and kids can work through the process of creating an original piece of art. 1–3 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Summer Reading Events. Grades 6–12, attend the following events to enter into the current week’s prize drawings and the grand prize drawings at the end of July. Registration required using links on the [July Library Events Calendar](#).

July 6: Dungeons & Dragons: Voyage of the Salty Kobold. Grades 6–12, set sail for adventure with a team of heroes as you sail the sea and fight the denizens of the deep. Online registration required. Multiple times available between 12–7:30 p.m.

July 13: Sea Life Trivia. Grades 6–12, earn candy prizes and test your knowledge of unique and awesome sea creatures. Online registration required. 2–3 p.m.

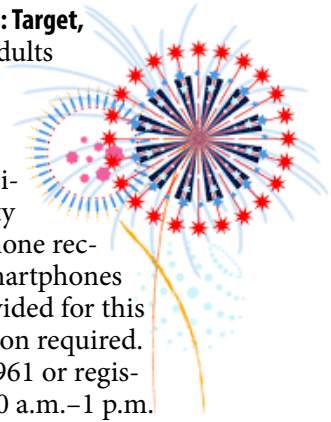
July 20: Ultimate WereShark. Grades 6–12, protect the reef and chase out the bloodthirsty sharks in this reimagined game of Ultimate Werewolf. Online registration required. 2–3:30 p.m.

July 27: Water Balloons. Grades 6–12, test your accuracy with a giant water balloon slingshot and get ready to get wet. Online registration required. 2–3 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for a tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with accessing eBooks and digital resources, internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Online registration required.

July 21: Tech Class: Target, Walmart Apps. Adults 18+, learn to use apps to maximize your shopping experience. Familiarity with a smart phone recommended. Smartphones will not be provided for this class. Registration required. Call 303-795-3961 or register online. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.



THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for an appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in our maker-space. Get training on how to use our Cricut Makers or sewing machines safely and independently. Online registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

TheStudio@Bemis Open Lab: Every Tuesday. Drop in to learn more about the space and its resources. Activities for the whole family provided. Bring a creative project or idea you’ve been working on or ask about past library craft workshops. Connect with other makers and get inspired for your next project. All ages; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 4–6 p.m.

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Tuesday–Saturday 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m.–5 p.m., last entry 4:30 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays

Bemis Public Library

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961
bemismarmot.org, www.littletongov.org/bemis
bemisteens.blogspot.com
Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m.

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1800s Independence Day

Saturday, July 2

10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Celebrate the American spirit of friendly competition as we celebrate our country's birthday with historic 19th-century games. Head out to the schoolhouse pasture from 10 a.m.–noon to enjoy a game of baseball played with 1864 rules between the Littleton Rough & Readies and the Colorado Territorial All-Stars. It's a fun day for all ages and admission is free.



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July 15–Oct. 9

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Denver artist Danielle See-Walker, an enrolled Citizen of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. ("škhé" is the sounds 'shh', then 'kay', pronounced together as 'shkay'.)

SeeWalker works across disciplines to explore the intersections of Native American stereotypes, microaggressions, and colonialist systems, both historically and in contemporary society.

Drawing on an array of color palettes, expressionistic art strategies and her Lakota traditions, See-Walker spins her work into a contemporary vision to elevate historical perspectives as told from the side not often heard.

Littleton Museum Free Summer Concert Series

6:30–8 p.m.

Museum Front Lawn
Food & Ice Cream Available for Purchase

- July 13: Journey Girls
- July 20: Delta Sonics
- July 27: Spinphony
- Aug. 3: Dakota Blonde



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