

President's Message



Littleton, Here We Come!

We are so happy as we head into summer and restrictions are cautiously being lifted. I don't know about you but I'm a little out of practice and have

forgotten what all there is to do in Littleton. So we asked a few people what their plans are for Father's Day. Here are some suggestions:

- Bike the Centennial Link Trail along City Ditch, swing by Cornerstone for a game of pickleball or miniature golf, and finish with an iced coffee at General Store 45.
- Attend church, then have a downhome brunch at Littleton Café. Finish with a stroll around the lake at Stern Park to watch the ducks.
- Start with a walk to Panera Bread, then frisbee golf at ACC, followed by refreshments at Breckenridge Brewery.
- Do a little fishing and birdwatching at Carson Nature Center, then have a cool one at Platte River Bar & Grill with a double order of tater tots!
- Enjoy an alfresco dinner on Main Street in the historic downtown area and hang out with friendly Littleton people.

Littleton offers so many opportunities! Let us know what you're planning to do—whether you're celebrating a father or just getting out for the first time in a while. We're looking forward to seeing you around Littleton and at our Summer Concerts in July.

Sincerely,
Lisa A. Hendry
Board President



Littleton Museum

SUMMER

Concert Series

2021

July 14 - Two Faces West
 July 21 - Delta Sonics
 July 28 - David Lawrence and the Spoonful
 August 4 - Juice O'The Barley
 August 11 - Dakota Blonde
 August 18 - Buckstein

Craft Fair Booths Still Available!

If you have crafty friends and family members, encourage them to sign up for the 50th anniversary of the Friends Craft Fair! Our crafters and shoppers are never disappointed. Submit applications at <https://www.eventslocal.com/events/1213/apply>.

Get Your Gardening Books

The Friends Used Book Sale is holding its annual Garden Sale featuring special books on gardening topics. The book sale—including plenty of options in all genres—is open during Bemis Public Library's normal hours. Note that the Used Book Sale is not yet taking donations.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE STUDIO @ BEMIS

The Studio @ Bemis will provide makers and creators the space, technology and resources to dive into creative projects. Host a live stream, start a podcast, 3D print, create with Cricut and more! Reserve the space for your own projects or keep a lookout for Studio workshops to help you get started. The Studio will be opening June 1.

HOURS & SERVICES

Bemis is open Monday–Thursday (9 a.m.–7 p.m.), Friday (9 a.m.–5 p.m.), Saturday (10 a.m.–5 p.m.), Sunday & Holidays (Closed).

- Curbside service is available on an as-needed basis during the library's regular hours.
- Study rooms are available by reservation for up to two hours per day, maximum of two people.
- Computers are available for up to two hours per person per day.

For more information go to bemis.marmot.org or call 303-795-3961.

REGISTRATION FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS

To participate in any of these programs, use the phone numbers and links provided, call the library at 303-795-3961 or go to the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions in the Virtual Events Calendar at bemis.marmot.org.

June 2, Fiction. *You Never Forget Your First: A Biography of George Washington* by Alexis Coe. 1 p.m.

June 11, Senior. *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. 1 p.m.

June 23, Nonfiction. *How to be a Good Creature: A Memoir in Thirteen Animals* by Sy Montgomery. 1 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Tales & Tails: Adult Summer Reading Program. Curl up with a good book and a furry (or feathery, scaly or slimy) companion and enter to win great prizes. Adults age 18 and up: Read books or attend library events, either virtually or in-person, for chances to win prizes. You can find all the details at bemis.marmot.org.

Thursdays in June: Senior Social Club. Senior Social Club will resume meeting in person and outdoors, weather permitting. Bring your own chair to enjoy the discussion on the lawn east of Bemis towards Gallop Park. 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.

Every Thursday: Board Games @ Your Home. 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.

June 4 & 18: Mundo Místico. Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries (Chile June 4 and Colombia June 18). Bemis is excited to offer this new series in partnership with Museo de las Americas. Call the library to register. 9 a.m.

June 8: Do the Side Hustle with Canvas Credit Union. Earning extra cash outside of a 9-to-5 job is called a side hustle. Learn about side hustle options for the short term or possibly a new business venture. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID 837 4683 2629, Passcode 798079). 6 p.m.

June 10: Good4u Nutrition 101 with Natural Grocers. Balanced energy, mood, sleep, metabolism, brain function and more all depend on making sure your body gets the nutrients it needs. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 301 715-8592 (Meeting ID 936 3711 8859). 2 p.m.

June 15, 22, 29: Summer Safety Series with South Metro Fire Rescue. June 15 is Pedestrian and Community Safety, June 22 is Fall Prevention for Older Adults and June 29 is Fire Safety. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 253 215 8782 (Meeting ID 992 4528 7818). 2 p.m.

June 19: How to Train Your Dog. Join the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley for this special introduction to working with your dog safely and effectively. Kids are invited but not dogs. The class is about training humans so they can go home and teach their dogs. Call the library to register. 2 p.m.

June 21: The Future of Bees with Active Minds. Bees are vital pollinators, making possible much of the food humans eat. In recent years, crucial bee species have experienced significant loss. Active Minds will examine factors that are affecting these important species. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID 817 2989 2099, Password 538120). 2 p.m.

June 24: Make & Shake Music with Think 360 Arts. Join us for an all-ages outdoor program and make some musical noise. Participants will make a maraca from recycled and found materials. Call the library to register. 2 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

May 24–July 31: Children's Summer Reading Program. Children from birth through kids entering 5th grade in the fall may pick up a reading log at the library or sign up online to track summer reading progress and collect prizes along the way. Prizes include free books and merchant certificates. Visit bemis.marmot.org for more information.

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

- June 1: Wag that Tale
- June 8: Stories, Songs & a Boing, Boing Thing
- June 15: Conservation Kids
- June 22: Flying Debris Show
- June 29: Suitcase Fairytales

Thursdays in June: School Age Programs.

For kids entering grades 1–5. Reservations required one week in advance. 2 p.m.

- June 3: Make a tie-dye inspired bandana
- June 10: Meet and greet a K-9 team from the Littleton Police Department
- June 17: Make a wearable animal tail
- June 24: Cartooning for kids

TEEN EVENTS

Tails & Tales Teen Summer Reading. Attend the following events to enter the current week's prize drawings and the grand prize drawings at the end of July. Call the library to register. 4–5 p.m.

- June 1: Pet Rocks
- June 8: Ultimate Werewolf
- June 15: Cosplay Tails
- June 22: Weird Wildlife Trivia
- June 29: Artist Hour

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

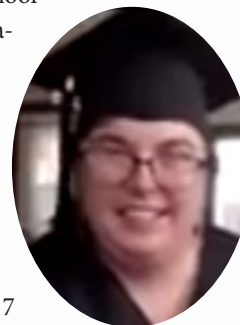
Virtual One-on-One Tech Help. Call to sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more.

Bemis Library Graduates Career Online High School Student

Bemis Public Library graduated Career Online High School student Kylie Crowell on May 5, 2021, in a Zoom graduation ceremony. Kylie persevered over the course of the program to achieve both her high school diploma and her Child Care Development Associate Certificate while she and her husband raise four children.

Career Online High School is a nationally accredited online high school founded in 2008 to help reengage adults back into the educational system. Bemis Library has participated in Career Online High School since 2017 and has graduated seven City of Littleton residents. Qualified city residents are eligible for the program.

The Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum generously provide scholarships to Career Online High School students, including Kylie, so that they may complete their high school diploma at no cost to the student.



YOUR FRIENDS DONATIONS @ WORK

Thanks to your membership fees and generous donations—along with dedicated volunteers—we are able to encourage young writers in the community through the annual Creative Writing Contest. The mother of two entrants took the time to share a note about her family's experiences with the contest.

Lisa and colleagues,

I am sending a sincere THANK YOU for all of your time and care for our community's young writers! We are once again impressed with your attention to each piece of work submitted. Taking time to comment and give suggestions to each writer, on your own personal time, is above and beyond.

Both of our daughters (ages 10 and 12) have been inspired by the Creative Writing Contest as well as your supportive and encouraging feedback. Continue to take care, and we will certainly be in touch for future submissions!

Thank you from the whole Curran family, Malia

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littletongov.org/museum

Tuesday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

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I and We (Best of Show)

May 21–July 17, 2021

The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board's fine art exhibition, Best of Show, features the artwork of Ashley Allen and Olga and Aleksey Ivanov. The artists won the Best of Show award for competitive exhibitions in 2020—Allen for the 2020 Eye of the Camera exhibit and the Ivanovs for the 2020 Own an Original exhibit. Through a curated selection of these artists' recent works, the "I and We" exhibit explores the concept

of the individual versus the duo when considering artistic inspirations and processes.

Ashley Allen, whose work explores the role of the individual within familial groups as well as one's relationship with nature, focuses on using photography to explore one's identity in the larger world. In contrast to the unique and dynamic role of the individual is the delicate and harmonious balance of a partnership. Where do we fit in the world with each other and with our environment? How do we identify ourselves within our landscape or within our family? How do we maintain, realize or lose our personal selves within the relationships that we hold most closely? By photographically investigating these questions, she finds a deeper understanding of self. To explore more of Allen's work, explore her website, ashleyallenfineart.com.

The Ivanovs are spouses who have worked together on paintings for more than 25 years. They collaborate symbiotically on each egg tempera painting they create, reflecting the strong bond they share as life partners. The duo considers "each painting with an open heart, building up the surface with thousands of tiny strokes, one on top of the other" to intensify the depths and luminosity of each image. Visit their website, oivanov.gallery, to see more of their works.

CRAFT FAIR

Crafters & Shoppers Get Ready for Oct. 2!

After last year's Covid hiatus, we're all excited to celebrate the Friends Craft Fair's 50th anniversary this year!

- Crafters, get your application in at <https://www.eventslocal.com/events/1213/apply>.
- Shoppers, mark your calendar and start on your gift list!
- Volunteers, contact the Friends if you'd like to help with the fair.