

President's Message



On March 8 we will reset our clocks to enjoy more evening light and a taste of spring around the corner—yay!

The Friends board has started discussing the Distinguished Volunteer Service Awards for this year. We have so many members who contribute so much to the success of the Friends and our ability to support the library and museum. We want to continue to honor two or three Friends each year at our Annual Meeting. If you know someone who makes, or has made, a big difference to the Friends for a minimum of five years, please email Al Stutson at alstutson37@gmail.com with details.

Friends board member Carolyn Hinkley has updated our friendslittleton.org website beautifully, so be sure to check it out. Writing personal interest stories for the blog is a new volunteer opportunity and a great creative outlet. (To see the blog on the website, click More then Friends Blog.) Contact any board member if you're interested.

Please see details on our upcoming Creative Writing Contest—we'd love to have you encourage friends and family to participate—and remember our Easter Egg Hunt on April 11.

Lisa Ohlgren
Board President



HELP! The Friends need help filling and hiding the thousands of eggs for the hunt. Join us Thursday, March 26, at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the library to help fill eggs. To help with hiding, arrive at 8 a.m. the day of the hunt.

HUNT: Children ages 1–11 are invited to collect eggs at the Friends Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m., at Ketrington Park (6028 S. Gallup St., north of the Littleton Museum).

QUESTIONS? Al Stutson, 303-795-3584, alstutson37@gmail.com

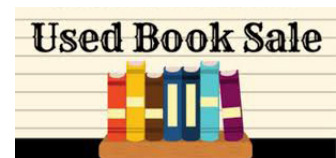
USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

Silent Auction, Feb. 29–March 29

The Friends Used Book Sale is holding its 6th Annual Silent Auction from Feb. 29 through March 29. The auction features very special donated books with some auctions running for two weeks and others running four weeks. Stop in, take a look and make your bids! Keep checking on your bids and bid more!

Books up for auction include a historic book about the Grand Canyon, the works of Colorado's first poet laureate, Ralph Moody's history of the stage coach, two children's books by R.L. Stevenson, children's poetry books, the *Children of Dickens*, valuable books from the Beat Generation, three graphic novels about the Black Panther by famous author Ta-Nehisi Coates, a limited edition of beautiful watercolors of the Ireland countryside, and a numbered, signed leather-bound memoir of the presidency of Jimmy Carter. Some auction items are accompanied by a free and relevant companion book.

Call for Volunteers! The Used Book Sale is in need of more volunteers. If you can help with sorting, pricing, minor repairs or cashiering—on a regular basis or occasionally—please contact Sue McNamee at suemcnamee19@gmail.com or 803-422-2142.



BEMIS LIBRARY

*TICKET / REGISTRATION

Events marked with an asterisk* require a ticket or registration. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961. Visit www.littletongov.org for more details on events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

March 2: Senior Book Club. *Evening Class* by Maeve Binchy.

March 3: A Day in the Life of a Victorian Woman. Life was different then: harder, tougher. Step back to the turn of the 20th century for an intimate glimpse of women's lives, from marriage to the home and (most popular) the corset. 7 p.m.

March 6, 13, 20, 27: Senior Social Club with AWRC. Socialize with friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library! The Aging Well Resource Center invites seniors to our informal Senior Social Club every Friday in March, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

March 7: Tech It Out Technology Fair. Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels and more at Technology Fair. The library will showcase its coolest technologies on the lower level in the Art Gallery. Try your hand at creating a pixel video game, learn how to digitize your older media, drive robots around and visit booths from local businesses such as Silicon STEM. Open to all ages; children under age 8 must attend with an adult. 12:30–4 p.m.

March 11: SPARK! Arts*. A FREE program offered by the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art for people experiencing mild memory loss, early stage Alzheimer's or a related dementia, and their family, friends, and guests. Featured artist Don Coen grew up on a farm in Eastern Colorado, and his large portraits of migrant farm workers are painted with striking color and scale, calling attention to these often forgotten individuals. Join us as we view his gallery of portraits, discuss ideas of the portrait and finally create our own portraits using a wide variety of art materials. Registration required for participant and caregiver. 2–3:30 p.m.

March 13: Jeannette Rankin, America's Conscience. This program will take the audience back to 1920 when the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote had just been added to the Constitution. Jeannette Rankin, portrayed by Mary Jane Bradbury, will share her journey from grassroots suffragist to becoming the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. 2 p.m.

March 14: Music Concert, Close N' Counter. Enjoy the easy listening melodies of this local guitar duo consisting of Gordon Close and Richard Blanchard. 2 p.m.

March 16: Women of Denver History with Active Minds. Join Active Minds as we discuss the women of Denver and their contributions to the city and the state. 2 p.m.

March 18: Wednesday Evening Book Discussion Group. *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald. 7–8 p.m.

March 21: Crafts for Grownups, Here Comes the Sun*. The library will provide supplies and space, you bring imagination and curiosity! Using items from sparkling beads strung on wire to faux stained glass, we'll make suncatchers and light throwers to bring sunshine into our springtime. Adults only. 2–4 p.m.

March 26: Books at Buck. *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. We're partnering with South Suburban to provide a book group at the Buck Center (2004 W. Powers Ave.)! The discussion starts at 1 p.m., following the Thursday lunch hosted by the Buck Center (call 303-730-4605 about lunch). 1 p.m.

March 26: Books & Beer, Brewing up Great Discussions. *Lives in Ruins: Archaeologists and the Seductive Lure of Human Rubble* by Marilyn Johnson. Each month, we will read a nonfiction book about a social, economic or historical topic, and then meet for a beverage and have great discussions. *New Location:* Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St., Littleton. 6 p.m.

March 28: Movie Matinée. *Harriet.* The extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman, American abolitionist and political activist. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

No regular story times the week of March 23.

March 1: A Magical Read Across America Presentation by Inspector Magic. Join us for a magic show that tells the stories of Chris Gail's wonderfully illustrated book, *Dear Fish*. Learn to protect our clean water and other natural resources. For families with kids of all ages. 3–3:45 p.m.

March 14: Paws to Read*. Kids in grades K–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

March 15: McTeggart Irish Dancers. See members of the McTeggart Irish Dance Academy perform a variety of foot-tapping, high-energy routines accompanied by rousing traditional Irish music. A great

way for families with kids of all ages to “kick” off St. Patrick's Day celebrations! 3–3:45 p.m.

March 24: Animal Olympics, A Visit from The Downtown Aquarium. Meet a variety of non-fish animal ambassadors from the Downtown Aquarium. Learn about their unique adaptations in this educational animal show. For families with kids ages 3 and older. 2–2:45 p.m.

March 26: Movie Matinée, Playmobil: The Movie*. For families with kids ages 3 and older. Children under age 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG, 99 minutes. Call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children's Room beginning March 12 to sign up. 3–4:30 p.m.

March 28: Dads and Donuts. Calling all dads, grandpas and uncles! Bring your little ones, ages 2 to 6, to a fun story time with donuts, juice and coffee treats. 10–10:30 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

March 5: Fan Club: Anime & Manga*. Join us in a celebration of our favorite comics and animated shows from Japan. Snacks will include Pocky and other treats. 5–7 p.m.

March 12: Board Games @ Bemis. Enjoy food, family, friends and fun with our big collection of board games or bring your own. Families, adults and kids of all ages are welcome to drop for a while or stay for the whole evening. Pizza and snacks will be served. Open to all ages. 5–8:30 p.m.

March 26: Teen Advisory Group. Enjoy snacks, video games and give us your feedback to help make the library a better place. Snacks will be served. 5–7 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

All technology classes and open computer lab are offered from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

One-on-One Technology Help is available on Wednesdays by appointment only. Sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from smartphones and tablets to signing up for an email address. 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Computer and Device Training: Open Computer Lab. Get answers to your questions every Thursday morning in the Computer Lab. Practice your skills and have a little one-on-one time with an instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet for help downloading ebooks and audiobooks. No registration required. 9:30–11 a.m.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

March 2: iPhone Tips & Tricks*. 9:30–11 a.m.

March 9: Storing Photos with Google*.
9:30–11 a.m.

March 18: Cell Phone Photography*.
6–7:30 p.m.

March 23: Facebook for Smartphones*.
9:30–11 a.m.

March 30: Writing a Resume with Word*.
9:30–11 a.m.

March Classes, One-on-One Tech Help & Open Computer Labs:

- **March 2.** iPhone Tips & Tricks*
- **March 4.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **March 5.** Open Computer Lab
- **March 9.** Storing Photos with Google*
- **March 11.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **March 12.** Open Computer Lab
- **March 16, 18.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. only*
- **March 18.** Cell Phone Photography, 6–7:30 p.m.*
- **March 19.** Open Computer Lab
- **March 23.** Facebook for Smartphones, 9:30–11 a.m.*
- **March 25.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. AND 1–3 p.m.*
- **March 26.** Open Computer Lab
- **March 30.** Writing a Resume with Word, 9:30–11 a.m.*

- Accredited by the American Association of Museums
- Smithsonian Institution Affiliate
- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
- 303-795-3950



Volunteer Gardeners Needed

The Littleton Museum staff is looking for dedicated volunteers to help care for and maintain the front garden and the contemporary garden behind the main museum building. This position involves being able to:

- * Bend and lift 25–30 pounds
- * Carry tools and plants
- * Work around dirt and the elements, often in bright sun
- * Use a shovel, hoe, rakes and other tools as needed.

Normal types of outdoor bugs, bees and other vermin may be in the area. Only approved plants will be used. This volunteer position is not responsible for the gardens on the historic farms. Gardening experience is preferred.

The schedule is variable, but weekly is preferred. For more information, please contact Jenny Hankinson at 303-795-3954, or mujh@littletongov.org.

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 Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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 303-795-3961, bemislib@earthlink.net
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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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March 15

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Bemis Library



March 28

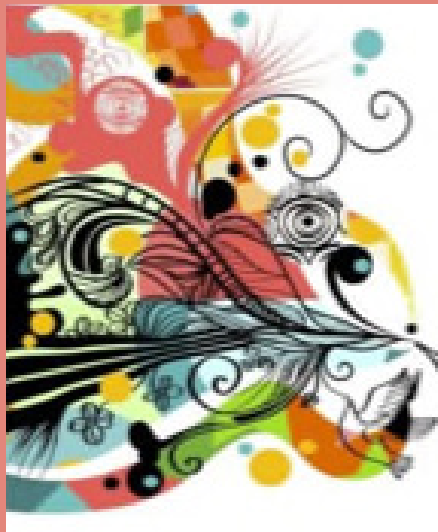
Harriett Movie Matinee,
Bemis Library

Through March 29

Used Book Store Silent Auction
Bemis Library

April 11

Easter Egg Hunt, Ketring Park



53rd Annual Creative Writing Contest

Sponsored by:



Open to students in grades 1 through 12
who live, or attend school, within the
Littleton Public Schools District.

- Poetry (any length, all forms)
- Short Story (2,500 words max, fiction or non-fiction)
- Other (anime, script, essay, speech)

Entry forms online at:
<https://FriendsLittleton.org>
or at Bemis Public Library.

Deadline for submissions: 5 p.m. Saturday, March 28

Judging rubrics and creative writing resources available at: <https://FriendsLittleton.org>

Awards Ceremony:
Sunday, April 26, 2 p.m.
Bemis Public Library

Keynote Speaker: Kristen Gilligan
Co-owner, Tattered Cover Book Store



Submissions Due March 28!