

Board Message



Creative Writing Contest Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum

The Friends' 55th Annual Creative Writing Contest is underway! If you have a student who attends Littleton Public Schools or lives in our school district, they're eligible to enter. The Friends sponsor this contest every year, and every year we're impressed with the entries from students in grades 1–12. Students submit works in poetry, short fiction, short nonfiction and collaborative to compete against others in their respective grades.

This year, student submissions will be judged by professors and staff at Arapahoe Community College. We can't say enough about the support and enthusiasm the judges provide to this event. They offer valuable comments to every participant and personally call the winners in each category and age group.

To enter, start by reviewing the rules at www.friendslittleton.org/creative-writing-contest, and then submit your writing online. Use the



handy QR code at left for quick access.

Winners will receive recognition from the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, certificates and gift cards—plus, their work is published in the permanent multi-volume, multi-year collection of writing entries. Oh, and the most important piece of information: **Entries are due by midnight on March 26!**

Best of luck to all our participants. We can't wait to read the entries this year!

Sincerely,
Your Friends' Board



What do these items have in common?

As we discussed at our Annual Meeting (pictured above), your Friends' membership fees and donations have provided the library and museum with many key resources over the years, including the following:

- library* AV cart • AWE children's learning system
- bird feeding station • birdbath • book carts
- Hookhouse cubicle • Canon camera • chairs for study room • computer headsets • cricut table for MakerSpace • furniture for The Studio • furniture reupholstery • games • gaming stations for teens
- Kindle Paperwhites • laminator • microphones
- microwave for staff • musical equipment • One Book One Community speaker and catering • podiums
- popcorn machines • puzzles • sloping shelves
- sound system • Story Walk enhancements
- technology equipment • video games • whiteboard for study room *museum* bandsaw • digital recorder
- digitization project • drill press • electric tools for farm • graphic design font package • hammer drill
- harness for mule • laminator • mannequins for clothing exhibit • mule lessons for Julie • penny smash machine • photo equipment for collections
- photo equipment for social media

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY



Story Walk. Thanks to the Friends and South Suburban Parks & Recreation, Gallup Gardens features an expanded Story Walk, recently featuring *Alan's Big Scary Teeth*.

PROGRAM/REGISTRATION

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. An asterisk * next to an event indicates that registration is required.

BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and Zoom discussions in the [Library Events Calendar](#).

March 2: Senior Book Group. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. 1 p.m.

March 9: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club. *Rocket Girl: The Story of Mary Sherman Morgan, America's First Female Rocket Scientist* by George D. Morgan. Meets at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6:30 p.m.

March 16: Evening Book Club. *The Talented Ribbins* by Ladee Hubbard. 6:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 31: Senior Social Club. Please join us for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

March 4: Mundo Mistico–Panama. Learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Each month explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Attend at Bemis or via Zoom; registration required. 9:30 a.m.

March 8: The Irish Miners of Leadville. In the early 1880s, nearly 3,000 Irish immigrants lived and worked in Leadville. Jim Walsh, a historian and researcher at CU Denver, has spent two decades investigating the large number of unmarked graves found in Leadville's Evergreen Cemetery. Learn about the contributions these forgotten souls made and the planned memorial that will highlight their stories and lives. 6:30 p.m.

March 11: Board Games @ Bemis. Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

March 12: Laurie Dameron Concert. Enjoy an afternoon of jazz guitar with *Billboard Magazine*-award recipient Laurie Dameron who has been playing the guitar for decades. 2 p.m.

March 19: Here Comes the Sun Craft. Create suncatchers and light throwers to welcome the approaching spring. Registration required. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. or 2–3:30 p.m.

March 23: Dungeons & Dragons. Roll the dice, join a group and let your imagination soar as we play this popular tabletop roleplaying game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Teen volunteer Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service hours for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Ages 10 to adult welcome. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.

March 28: Salem Witches with Active Minds. In 1692 in Salem, Mass., hundreds of individuals were tried for the crime of witchcraft, and many were executed as a result. Active Minds will seek to understand this astounding moment in history. 2 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

March 4: Animal Adventures with Safari Sally. A fun and educational presentation where children over the age of 3 meet a variety of live animals up close and personal. 3–3:45 p.m.

March 12: Paws to Read. Kids in grades K–5 practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

March 19: Drop-In Discovery Art. Kids in grades 5 and under drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration. 1–3 p.m.

March 19: McTeggart Irish Dancers. All ages are welcome to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with members of McTeggart Irish Dancers as they perform a variety of foot-tapping, high-energy routines accompanied by traditional Irish music. 3–3:45 p.m.

March 21: LEGO® Engineering Workshop. Kids in grades K–5 join Play-Well TEKnologies to explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, structural engineering and architecture. Space limited; registration required. Stop by the Children's Desk or call 303-795-3961 to reserve your spot beginning March 7. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

March 22: Mad Science of Colorado. Sounds Like Science will get kids ages 3+ tuned into learning with demonstrations and experiments, including the surprisingly loud dinosaur-in-a-can, the glowing electric pickle and a kid-created thunderstorm. 11 a.m.–noon.

March 25: Puppets & Things on Strings with Ventriloquist Mark Hellerstein. Participants of all ages will meet a couple of “talking” puppets, see a drawing come to life and enjoy a full-stage marionette puppet production of “Jack and the Beanstalk” narrated by Willy the Bookworm. 11–11:45 a.m.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dial-A-Story. Call 303-795-3960 ANYTIME to hear a picture book read by one of the Bemis Children's librarians. Stories change weekly.

Wednesdays & Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis. Families with children of all ages, bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared while socially distancing outside on the lawn at the library. In poor weather conditions, story time will be held in the meeting room downstairs. Call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk to register. Space is limited. 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.

TEEN EVENTS

March 2: Speak Up—How to Podcast. Learn how to use the technology in the Studio@Bemis makerspace to create your own podcasts and other audio recordings. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

March 9: Teen Advisory Group. TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event in May. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends and have fun. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

March 16: Tweenuesday. Kids in grades 5–12 enjoy Who's Got the Button? on Tweenuesday. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for a 45-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with eBooks, digital resources, internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Find links to register for one-on-one tech help in the March Library Events Calendar.

THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in TheStudio@Bemis, our new makerspace. Get training on how to use our Cricut Makers or sewing machines safely and independently. Registration is required. Find links to register for Studio@Bemis one-on-one appointments in the March Library Events Calendar.

Mark Your Calendar!
Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 16



Used Book Sale: Longtime, Dedicated Volunteers Retire

The Used Book Sale quietly brings in an astounding 24% of total Friends' revenues that support library and museum programming and operations! We can thank Anita Kannady and Barb Brann for their years of faithful service in bringing order—and significant income—to our Used Book Sale.

Read about this dedicated duo's adventures in learning about the sale, including the many surprises that came their way at friendslittleton.org/friends-blog. Thank you ladies, and enjoy your retirement!

The Used Book Sale is now in the capable hands of Bernice, and we appreciate her taking on the challenge.

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See littletongov.org/museum for current hours and information

Bemis Public Library
6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961
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Divine Bovine

Saturday, March 26, 2022
10 am - 3 pm



Join the Littleton Museum's Interpretive Staff as they demonstrate all things dairy



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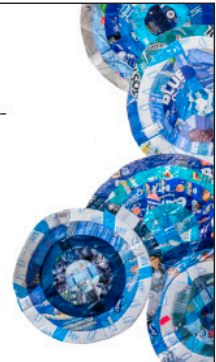
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Patterns of Consumption

On Display April 1 -
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Opening Reception

Thursday, March 31, 2022
5:30 - 7 pm

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Artist Talk

Saturday, April 2, 2022
2 pm



Space to Wonder: through March 12
The Secret Life of Clothes: through Nov. 27

pARTy Create Your Own Masterpieces: April 27
Sheep to Shawl: May 14