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## President's Message



**Springtime.** Spring is here, so let's get out and explore! Littleton offers many opportunities to venture out and enjoy everything our City has to offer. We encourage you to make a commitment to do at least one outdoor activity in May.

- Stop by the museum and marvel at the skill of our blacksmiths (call ahead to make sure one is on site)
- Stroll the 1860s farm to check out the sheep before or after the spring shearing
- Venture by the library to birdwatch (northwest corner, windows outside the Children's area)
- Check the City website for walking tours
- Find and read historic markers around Littleton
- Follow the Crab-apple Tree Route
- Walk the City Ditch or Highline Canal trails and realize how important water is to Littleton's and Colorado's history



Please share your ideas, your pictures and your adventures with us! If you're on Facebook, we are too. Just post your fun there. Or, send us an email or good old-fashioned note about your experiences and we'll add it to our new "Members' Memories" blog. You can check out Dick Dugdale's memory and photos about the 1974 Craft Fair as we get ready for the 50<sup>th</sup> annual Craft Fair!

Sincerely,  
Lisa A. Hendry  
Board President



### NEW! Culture Pass to Museo de las Americas

Bemis Public Library is proud to partner with Museo de las Americas to offer a free, same-day Culture Pass to the Museo. Located in the heart of the Art District on Santa Fe, Museo de las Americas is the premier Latin American art museum in the Rocky Mountain region. Visit Bemis Public Library to check out the Culture Pass and then reserve your timed tickets at [museo.org](http://museo.org). The pass is good for free admission for up to four people.

### Your Friends Donations in Action:

#### National Library Week & Volunteer Appreciation Month

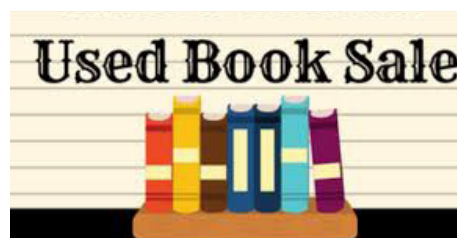
On April 6, National Library Worker Day, the library thanked staff for their hard work and dedication with a lovely brunch and a themed T-shirt or reusable tote bag. Additionally, library volunteers received a thank you card and gift card to a local Littleton business. Thank you to the Friends for funding these appreciation events!



## USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

### Back in Business!

The Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum Used Book Sale is open! Find gently used titles by your favorite authors, including a children's section. Proceeds from the Used Book Sale directly benefit the Bemis Public Library. The book sale is open during the library's hours of operation.



# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 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.), Sundays & Holidays (Closed). For updates on library access, library services and safety protocols, call 303-795-3961 or visit <https://bemis.libguides.com/coronavirus>.

## 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](http://bemis.marmot.org). Watch our events calendar for expanded outdoor programming coming this summer!

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

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

**May 5: Fiction.** *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz. 1 p.m.

**May 14: Senior.** *The Summer Before the War* by Helen Simonson. 1 p.m.

**May 26: Nonfiction.** *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. 1 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**Thursdays in May: Senior Social Club.** Stay connected with conference call chats. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (301) 715-8592 (Meeting ID 987 926 117). 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**May 4: A Journey Through the Roots of American Popular Music.** Musician and historian Jon Waterman traces the evolution of American popular music through the decades and shares how it reflects the changing society of each era. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (301) 715-8592 (Meeting ID 943 0861 6308). 2–3:30 p.m.

**May 6: Fueling for Fitness with Natural Grocers.** Learn how to support your body's optimal energy levels and improve your fitness and recovery time with food and supplements. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (301) 715-8592 (Meeting ID 942 6881 0304). 2 p.m.

## May 7 & 21: Paz Poetry: Argentina & Bolivia.

These creative and engaging classes, presented in partnership with Museo de las Americas, invite us to learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Registration is required. Follow the links for the date on the Virtual Events Calendar or call the library at 303-795-3961. 9:30 a.m.

**May 11: Sisters of Courage.** Hear local historian Dave Lively tell the story of the Harbison sisters who homesteaded a dairy ranch near Grand Lake in 1898. Their property later become part of Rocky Mountain National Park. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (301) 715-8592 (Meeting ID 928 6185 9062). 2 p.m.

**May 13: Virtual Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.** This interactive online workshop features two artists in the BMoCA exhibition, From This Day Forward. Participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project. Registration is required. Follow the links for the date on the Virtual Events Calendar or call the library at 303-795-3961. 2 p.m.

## May 13 & 27: 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. Join through the Virtual Events Calendar. 5:30–8 p.m.

**May 17: Pirates: Tales and Legends with Active Minds.** Active Minds discusses the history, personalities and tales of pirates from swashbuckling privateers to modern-day pirates off the coast of Africa. Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (253) 215-8782 (Meeting ID 817 2989 2099, Password 538120). 2 p.m.

**May 18: Author Talk: Jim Davidson and The Next Everest.** The author shares how he survived the deadliest day in Everest history and how embracing change, challenge and uncertainty can prepare anyone to face their own “Everest.” Login through the Virtual Events Calendar or call 1 (301) 715-8592 (Meeting ID 915 9059 8328). 2 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

### Thursdays: Books and Blankets at Bemis.

For families with children of all ages, storytime returns—outdoors! Bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared while socially distancing on the lawn at the library. Space is limited; registration is required. Call 303-795-3961 or stop by the Children's desk to register. Story time will be held unless temperatures are below 45° or in the case of high winds, snow or rain. 10:15–11 a.m.

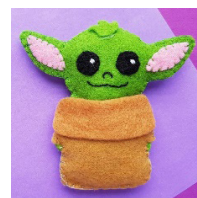
**Weekly Zoom Story Times.** Children and their caregivers can login for 30 minutes of songs, stories and early literacy fun with a children's librarian.

- **Mondays, 10 a.m.:** All Ages Story Time, 10 a.m.
- **Wednesdays, 10 a.m.:** Baby and Toddler Story Time, under age 3, 10 a.m.
- **Fridays, 10 a.m.:** Preschool Story Time, ages 3 and up, 10 a.m.

**Dial-A-Story.** Call 303-795-3960 ANYTIME to hear a picture book read by one of the children's librarians.

**Beginning May 1: Grab & Go STEM Activity Kits.** Children in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may contact the library and register to pick up supplies and instructions for the monthly take-and-make activity to work on at home. One per child, while supplies last.

**May 4: May the 4th Be with You—Tween & Teen Craft.** Make your own squishy Baby Yoda and learn more about the awesome stuff on the Teen Deck. For tweens age 10–11 in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and teens between grades 6–12. Registration is required: Follow the links for the date on the Virtual Events Calendar. 4–5 p.m.



**May 5 & 12: Bemis Book Buddies.** Kids in grades 1–6, do you love books? Here's your chance to read anything you like and share it with other book lovers your age. Visit the [Bemis Children's Book Ideas Page](#) for details.

- **May 5, 4–5 p.m.:** Grades 1–3, 4–5 p.m.
- **May 12, 4–5 p.m.:** Grades 4–6, 4–5 p.m.



# LITTLETON MUSEUM



## May 24–July 31: Summer Reading Program.

For all ages, birth through students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Pick up a reading log or sign up online for a chance to win free books and other surprises. Visit [bemismarmot.org](http://bemismarmot.org) for more information about each program and activities throughout the summer.

## TEEN EVENTS

**May 4: May the 4th Be with You–Tween & Teen Craft.** See the description under Youth Events.

**May 6 & 20: Anime & Manga Club.** Join us and share your favorite cartoons and comics, play games, draw, talk and have fun. Registration is required: Follow the links for the date on the Virtual Events Calendar. 4–5:30 p.m.

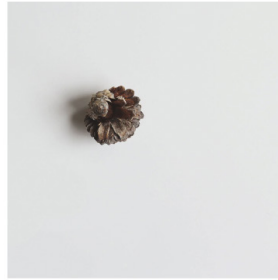
**Teen Talk Tuesday.** Hang out in our weekly Zoom meeting to play games and stay connected. For teens between grades 6–12. Registration is required: Follow the links for the date on the Virtual Events Calendar. 4–5:30 p.m.

**May 11 & 25: Dungeons & Dragons**

**May 18: Jack Box/Digital Board Games**

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LITTLETON FINE ARTS BOARD presents



Ashley Allen

# I & WE

Aleksey and Olga Ivanov



**May 21 to July 17, 2021**

at the Littleton Museum

## I and We (Best of Show)

May 21–July 17, 2021

The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board is pleased to announce an upcoming exhibition of fine art featuring the works of Ashley Allen and Olga and Aleksey Ivanov. The artists won Best of Show awards 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, "I and We" explores the concept of the individual versus the duo when considering artistic inspirations and processes. 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. 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.

Visit [ashleyallenfineart.com](http://ashleyallenfineart.com) and [oaivanov.gallery](http://oaivanov.gallery) to preview their works.

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## Contact Information

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6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3950  
[littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
 Tuesday–Saturday: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.  
 Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

### Bemis Public Library

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[bemisteen.blogspot.com](http://bemisteen.blogspot.com)  
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 See [littletongov.org/bemis](http://littletongov.org/bemis) for current hours

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

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