

## Board Message

**Magic.** May is such a magical month in Littleton! Besides the beauty we see all around us with flowers and trees in bloom, the library and museum programs make May more memorable. It starts with our traditional Sheep to Shawl event on May 14 at the museum. Seeing the sheep lose their winter coats reminds us of the seasonal changes and the warmer weather ahead. It's also a time to see new life on the farm! Listen for the distinctive sounds of baby birds near the children's area at Bemis Library, look for goslings and ducklings in Ketring Lake and look forward to lambs at the museum in June.

Another way to celebrate spring in Littleton is to experience the 7-mile Crabapple Route starting between the library and museum. Stroll hand-in-hand with a loved one, ride bicycles in tandem or drive the route with the windows down! When the crabapples are in bloom, it makes Littleton even more magical!

We encourage you to create a new tradition this spring. Create something memorable at the Studio@Bemis that will remind you of your favorite spring-time activity. You never know, you just might turn your creation into a business idea that you can then sell at this fall's Littleton Craft Fair!

Spring is also a great time to start planning for summer camp! Sign up your child or grandchild for the History Adventure day camps! Your explorers will learn from experts about life in Littleton in the 1800s with hands-on experiences.

One last magical thing about May: Sunday, May 8, honors the magic of motherhood!

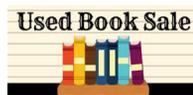
Happy Mother's Day!

*Your Friends' Board*



**Friends Easter Egg Hunt! Stuff.** Boy Scout Troop #870 of Highlands Ranch stuffed hundreds of eggs with candy. **Hunt.** Eager families lined up at Ketring Park on April 16 to find eggs. **Meet & Greet.** After the hunt, kids loved meeting the Easter Bunny!

## Friends Fun & Fundraising



**Used Book Sale.** Next time you stop in at Bemis Public Library, see the display case near the front entrance. You'll find interesting and unusual books, DVDs and collectible items for sale to benefit all the great programming at the library and museum that is funded by the Friends.



**Craft Fair.** Crafters and shoppers, visit [littletoncraftfair.org](http://littletoncraftfair.org) for all the news on one of our flagship fundraisers: The Littleton Craft Fair on Oct. 1, 2022, at Ketring Park. Spots are filling up and we're seeing a great selection of artworks, pottery, jewelry, candles, gourmet foods, handcrafted lotions and more for shoppers! Reserve your booth at [littletoncraftfair.org](http://littletoncraftfair.org).



**City News.** The Friends are happy to share news about library and museum events—but plenty more is happening in Littleton. To sign up for e-news, visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) > Connect With Us > City News.



**Creative Writing Contest**  
Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum

Thanks to the efforts of our committee, volunteers and supporters, the Friends 55th annual Creative Writing Contest inspired 292 submissions from students grades 1–12 at 33 schools! Judges from Arapahoe Community College notified winners in late April and will share encouraging critiques with all writers in early May. Thanks to everyone involved for helping our local kids express their imaginative ideas!



**Jellybeans.** During the first year of pandemic, we replaced the Easter Egg Hunt with a Jellybean Guessing Game at both the library and museum.

Kids loved guessing just how many jellybeans were packed into our big glass jars so much that it's become a new tradition. This year, 650+ kids turned in guesses, and eight winners received gift certificates to Andy's Frozen Custard! Thanks to Al Stutson, Lisa Ohlgren and Sue McNamee for making this happen!

# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## PROGRAM/REGISTRATION

To register for a program, call the library at 303-795-3961 or visit the Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

## BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

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

**May 4: Senior Book Group.** Ages 50+, discuss *The Reading List* by Sara Nisha Adams. 1–2 p.m.

**May 11: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club.** Ages 21+, discuss *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary* by Simon Winchester. Meet at [Jackass Hill Brewery](#), 2409 Main St., 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**May 18: Evening Book Club.** Ages 18+, read *Weather* by Jenny Offill. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**May 3: Englewood's Amazing Story.** Local author Doug Cohn has spent years delving into the history of Englewood, which is often closely intertwined with the story of Littleton. Explore the characters, businesses and events that shaped this small city. 6–7 p.m.

**May 5, 12, 19 & 26: 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.

**May 5 & 19: Stitch Circle.** Calling all knitters, crocheters, embroiderers and the curious. Bring in your own projects, come to learn the basics, and meet and learn from other makers. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**May 5, 12, 19 & 26: Romance Writing Workshops.** These writing workshops for ages 50+, hosted in partnership with Think 360 Arts, focus on sharing emotional connections through the romance genre. Registration required. 1–2 p.m.

**May 6: Mundo Mistico, Peru.** Ages 16+, join us each month to explore one of the 20 countries worldwide that claim Spanish as the official language. Attend at Bemis or via Zoom; registration required. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

**May 10: Senior Electronic Gaming Day.** Ages 50+, try gaming systems like Nintendo Switch and PlayStation in a low-stress setting amongst peers. Find out why everyone enjoys video games and surprise your grandkids with some newfound gaming savvy. Conference room, 1–3 p.m.

**May 13: Board Games @ Bemis.** All ages, drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

**May 14: A Sharpie Image Craft.** Ages+, make permanent marks on the world with the staple of office supplies—the Sharpie. A plain white plate or mug invites doodles, messages and colorful patterns. With some not-so-secret steps, it can become a truly lasting gift. Registration required. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.



### May 17: Gardening in Colorado—Planting for Pollinators.

Modern agriculture practices and the loss of native plant species are making it hard for pollinators to survive. A Master Gardener shares how to plan and plant a garden designed to support our native pollinators. 6–7 p.m.

**May 23: Nuremberg War Crimes Trials with Active Minds.** Adults of all ages, join Active Minds as they look back at the Nuremberg Trials and trace their impact on the world, including the creation of the International Criminal Court. Hear how this legacy applies to events in the modern world and the current challenges of implementing this area of international law. 2–3 p.m.

**May 25: Dungeons & Dragons.** Ages 10+ through adult at all experience levels, roll the dice, join a group, and let your imagination soar as we play this

popular tabletop roleplaying game. Teen volunteer Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service hours for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Registration required. 5–7 p.m.

**May 28: Musical Concert: SaZón.** The music of SaZón adds spice, flavor and liveliness to a unique mix of jazz, Latin and American standards, along with original works. Bobby Trujillo and Norma Tell present an appealing repertoire of inspiring music. 2–3 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**May Take & Make: Bird Feeders.** Kids in preschool–grade 5 can make and decorate their own popsicle stick bird feeder at home. Starting May 1, pick up a kit with the supplies and instructions in the Children's Room. One per child while supplies last.

**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. Stop by the Children's Desk to pick up a nametag. 9:30 a.m. & 10:15 a.m.



**May 11 & 18: Play, Learn & Grow with Growing Readers Together.** This two-session workshop is

for preschoolers and their caregivers. Melody Garcia from the Colorado State Library explores easy ways to fill everyday activities with literacy and science so young children are ready to read and thrive when they enter school. Children are welcome to attend and encouraged to play along. Participants receive materials to keep playing and learning at home. May 11 is Growing Readers and May 18 is STEAM Powered Play. Both sessions at 10:15–11:15 a.m.

**May 14: Paws to Read.** Kids in grades K–5 can practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**May 21: Drop-In Discovery Art.** Kids in grades 5 and under, drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library provides materials and inspiration. 1–3 p.m.

**May 23–July 31: Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program.** Ages birth through students entering grade 12, pick up a reading log or sign up online for a chance to earn 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 Force Be with You: Yoga and Meditation.** Kids in grades 6–12, let the Force flow through you with Heather the Yoga Nerd at this sci-fi themed yoga and meditation workshop. Registration required. 5–6 p.m.

**May 11: Teen Advisory Group.** Kids in grades 6–12, TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Participants are invited to a special Laser Tag event on May 21. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

**May 18: Tweenuesday: Mario Kart Tournament.** Kids in grades 5–12, let's go! Join a team for this high-octane video game racing tournament. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

**May 21: Laser TAG.** Kids in grades 6–12, join us for an after-hours game of Laser Tag at the library and learn more about the Teen Advisory Group. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

**May 28: Teen Deck Graduation Party.** Kids in grades 5–6 are invited to come up to the Teen Deck for special activities, prizes, a tour of the Deck's features, and personal introduction to their new zone in the library. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

**TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING**

**In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times—For All Ages.** 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. Registration required.

**May 12: Tech Class—Nextdoor.** Ages 18+, learn about Nextdoor, a private, free social network to connect neighborhoods. Learn how to set up an account, post and comment on Nextdoor. Prerequisites: Familiarity with an internet browser and an existing email address. Registration required. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**THE STUDIO@BEMIS**

**TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times.** All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult), sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in our new makerspace. Get training on how to use our Cricut Makers or sewing machines safely and independently. Registration required.

**May 10 & 24: TheStudio@Bemis Open Lab.** All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult), drop in to learn more about the space and its resources. Activities for the whole family will be provided. Bring a creative project or idea or ask about past library craft workshops. Connect with other makers and get inspired for your next project. 4–6 p.m.

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**Littleton Museum**

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303-795-3950, [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
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**

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# LITTLETON MUSEUM

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## Sheep to Shawl

Saturday, May 14, 2022

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Littleton Museum

See wool transformed from dirty fleece off the sheep's back to the woolen items we all know and love. No fee for admission.

## World Wide Knit in Public Day

Saturday, June 11, 2022

9 a.m. to noon

Facebook Event

Join us for some fiber arts, conversation and sunshine at World Wide Knit in Public Day. No RSVP necessary!

## History Adventures

June through August

Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Littleton Museum

History Adventures Day Camps accommodate 12 kids per session (\$50 per session). Visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) > City Services > City Departments >

Museum > Programs & Events to register.

- June 14: Discovering Nature, Ages 7–11
- June 28: Life on the Farm, Ages 8–12 (Session Full)
- July 12: Art & History, Ages 7–11
- July 26: Military Day, Ages 9–12
- Aug. 9: Cow Camp, Ages 8–12

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