Friends of the Littleton Library & Museum

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President's Message



At Bemis Public Library, the longawaited return of the Friends Used Book Sale is here! The sale is featuring a wonderful selection of books to enjoy now or start your holiday shopping...or both! Thank you to Barb Brann, Bernice Reed and Anita Kannady, who have been working tirelessly to sanitize and set up books in the mornings before the library opens.

At the Littleton Museum, call to reserve your time to visit (303-795-3950). The animals are missing you! Plus, the Chinese Folk Art Exhibit continues through Oct. 18, showcasing very colorful and lively pieces. Check it out if you haven't seen it yet. The good news is we'll be celebrating fall with a Pumpkin Patch instead of the usual Harvest Festival. See the back cover for details.

Weekends on Main Al Fresco Dining continues through Halloween with outdoor dining on Main Street from 5 p.m. on Fridays until 10 p.m. on Saturdays. This is the perfect way to support our local businesses and enjoy our wonderful Colorado autumn. Dining outside is even more special now that dusk comes earlier and lights in the trees illuminate the scene.

Be sure to register your vote for next year's Friends officers online, via email or ballot drop-off at the Library.

Be safe, be well and be happy!

Lisa Ohlgren Board President



BEMIS BACK BETTER THAN EVER!

Expanded Hours. Planning a visit to the library? Bemis has expanded its hours. We have measures in place to help protect the safety of our staff and library patrons.

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m. • Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday: Closed

Visitors are admitted on a first-come-first-served basis. Once building capacity of 75 is reached, a policy of one-out-one-in is implemented. Visitors are encouraged to limit their visit to two hours. Computer sessions are limited to one hour per person per day. Visitors must wear a mask or face covering over their nose and mouth while visiting the library. Food and beverages are not permitted.

Used Book Sale—**Fun Fall Reading!** The Friends Used Book Sale is back and featuring our very best books! No book donations or volunteers yet.

Curbside Pickup Service. Unable to visit the library? Bemis offers curbside pickup service on an as-needed basis during the library's hours of operations. Place items on hold using the library's online web catalog. When notified items are ready for pickup, call the library at 303-795-3961 to schedule a curbside pickup. If you require special accommodations getting library materials to your car due to physical limitations and/or are in a Covid-19 high-risk category, please inform the library when arranging a curbside pickup.

Online Chat Service. Have a question for a librarian? Chat with a librarian online to get help accessing eBooks, using digital resources, finding online homework help and much more. Chat service is open Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon. (Visit bemis.marmot.org and click Chat Mon-Fri under Contact Us.)

One Book Colorado. This <u>statewide effort</u> to provide every 4-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book helps instill a love of reading in youngsters. To ensure school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently. Stop by the Children's Room and request your copy from Oct. 13–25.



EXTENDED

HOURS

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

help happens here

HOMEWORK HELP

Need some homework assistance? Students and families will find resources and eBooks to support homework assignments or research projects on the Bemis Homework Help page. Educational resources and eBooks are available for students of all ages.

ONLINE LEARNING WITH UDEMY

Want to participate in an online course? Bemis offers an online professional learning platform called <u>Udemy</u>, which contains over 4,000 courses. Udemy offers courses in MS Office, Adobe, cloud computing, design, development, coding and information technology; courses also are available in workplace skills such as finance, accounting, leadership and management, as well as personal development including art, creativity, health and fitness, language learning and stress management. Users of Udemy must be 18 years or older, have a registered Bemis library card and a Google or Microsoft email account.

COLORADO CLASSROOM—AT-HOME LEARNING

The Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Education Initiative are partnering with Rocky Mountain Public Media to provide K–3 students, their families and caregivers with direct-to-home remote lessons in literacy, science, art and math through Colorado Classroom: Learn with Me at Home, which airs on Rocky Mountain PBS Channel 6. Bemis is pleased to join the partnership by offering access to lesson plans and worksheets for families that do not have internet capabilities. No library card is required to access the information. To request worksheets (in English or Spanish), which may be picked up in the Children's Room, families and caregivers can call 800-274-6666. For more information please visit rmpbs.org/ ColoradoClassroom.

ONLINE ESL CLASSES*

Fall beginner and intermediate ESL classes are in session using Zoom and Google Classrooms. The 14-week runs through Dec. 17. The course fee is \$50 and can be paid in person during library hours or with credit/debit card by phone. Students can register and pay the at any time during the semester.

Beginner English

- Daytime Class: Tuesday/Thursday, 1–2:30 p.m.
- Evening class: Monday/Wednesday, 6–8 p.m.

Intermediate English

• Daytime Class: Monday/Wednesday, 1–2:30 p.m.



LIBRARY EVENTS

Register. *To register or participate in any of these programs call the library at 303-795-3961 or go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org.

Senior Social Club: Thursdays in October. Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats from a computer or any phone. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Oct. 1, 8, & 15: Think 360 Arts presents: Songwriting Workshop*. Join lyricist Jenny Stafford for a three-session workshop on writing songs that strike a chord. 2 p.m.

Oct. 6: Immune Support 101*. Just like the rest of our body, the immune system requires optimal nutrition to work at its best. Presented by Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage. 2 p.m.

Oct. 8: Board Games @ Your Home*. Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. Open to all ages. 5:30–8 p.m.

Oct. 19: Colorado Ballot Issues with Active Minds*. Review each proposal and the arguments on both sides. 2 p.m.

Oct. 20: Victorian Halloween*. Join the Molly Brown House Museum for an exploration of Halloween in the Victorian era. 2 p.m.

Oct. 29 & 30: Annual Costumes on Parade*. Show off your Halloween outfit and collect treats while social distancing outside (weather permitting). For children of all ages; space is limited. Call or stop by the Children's desk beginning Oct. 15 to register. 1 p.m.



Teen Talk Tuesdays*. Hang out at our weekly Zoom meeting to talk with other teens and teen librarian Miss Emily. Play games, ask for help, deliver your weekly book review and get updates on what's happening at the library this week. 4–5:30 p.m.

Virtual One-on-One Tech Help.* Sign up for a 45-minute individualized virtual tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

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

5 REASONS TO VISIT!

Call 303-795-3950 to schedule your time to visit the Littleton Museum and enjoy local art, history and culture. Here's what you'll enjoy.



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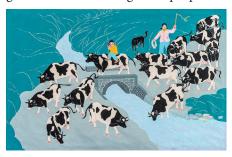
Jan. 3, 2021. Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages. Featuring artifacts from the museum collection and objects on loan, the exhibit prompts visitors to consider the ways they engaged with different types of toys as a child.



2. The Farms. Stroll our grounds and enjoy the relaxing sights and sounds of the 1860s and 1890s farm.



3. Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region, through Oct. 18. Explore China's past through beautiful, handmade objects and art to gain and understanding of the people.



Chaoming Feng, Grazing Cows, 1985–1991, tempera on paper, 23x34 1/2, private collection. © Chaoming Feng. Photo: E.G. Schempf.

4. The Livestock. Admire the cows, goats, horses, chickens and more, a rare sight for some city folk.



5. It's in Littleton! A free trip to the museum is the cherry on top of the sundae of a day spent in Littleton. Picnic spots, putt-putt golf, frisbee golf, actual golf, rooftop dining, art and shopping just for starters!



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Littleton Museum

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3950 littletongov.org/museum

Tuesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. by reservation Sunday–Monday and holidays: closed

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Pumpkin Patch at the Littleton Museum

Littleton Museum • 6028 S. Gallup Street • Littleton, CO 80120 • 303-795-3950

Tuesday-Saturday, October 6 - 10 and October 13 - 17, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Reservations required.

Visit our pumpkin patch and help fund the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum! Come to the 1860s farm to pick out your Halloween pumpkin. While you're here, be sure to take some autumn-themed photos at our photo op station. Bring your wagon – pumpkins can be heavy! Share your photos using the following hashtags: #LittletonMuseum #LMPumpkinPatch

All visitors must make reservations in advance; call 303-795-3950 to RSVP. There is no cost to get into museum; cash and check only for the purchase of pumpkins.



For more information, please visit: https://www.littletongov.org/city-services/city-departments/museum or https://friendslittleton.org/about-the-friends

YOUR REGULAR GROCERY SHOPPING CAN BENEFIT THE FRIENDS!

King Soopers Community Awards Program







Here's an easy way to support the Friends at **no cost** to you: designate the Friends on your King Soopers **SooperCard** and the Friends receive a quarterly donation from King Soopers.

Five Simple Steps

- 1. Go to www.kingsoopers.com
- Login using your individual login credentials, in upper right-hand corner: "Sign In" then "My Account". Or create your account, if you don't have one yet.
- Left side of the screen select "Community Rewards".
- Choose "Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, Inc." (Organization #: XL433.)
- 5. Continue to use your SooperCard or Valued Customer information as normal.

Each time you shop at King Soopers, your purchases are automatically added to the quarterly donation for the Friends. Check the bottom of your receipt for verification: "King Soopers Community Rewards-at your request, we are donating to the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum".

If you don't have a **SooperCard**, they are available at the King Soopers service desk or online.

All funds given to the Friends (a 501 (c)3 organization), support the programs & other cultural endeavors with the Littleton Library & Museum