

President's Message



Family & Traditions.

I grew up in a small farm town in Indiana, where our family had favorite fall traditions such as picking apples and then canning enough applesauce to

last the whole year. We also loved to scavenge persimmons off the ground as they're ripe when they drop. You probably have similar memories and family traditions.

The Friends organization has two wonderful traditions that happen the first two Saturdays in October as well. Can you believe we're celebrating our 50th Annual Craft Fair on Oct. 2? During my first unforgettable visit to the Craft Fair, a friend and I bought matching earrings and autumn outdoor decorations.

Some families make it an annual tradition to attend the museum's Harvest Festival (Oct. 9 this year). The festival features plenty of pumpkins and fun activities on the historic farms. You'll find lots of friendly people and members of the Friends giving a helping hand.

In appreciation of National Friends of Libraries Week, Oct. 17–23, the current Friends want to honor those who came before us. Back before we became the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, the Friends of the Library volunteer group laid a strong foundation with their time and talents. A look through these pages will remind you about the great resources our library and museum are able to offer with support from the Friends.

We'd love to see photos and hear stories of your previous and current experiences with activities at the library and museum. Post your photos on our [Facebook](#) page or mail them to our library address and I'll share for you.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Lisa A. Hendry
Board President



Thanks to everyone who stopped by our Western Welcome Week booth to chat with Briana McCrumb (left) and other Friends last month! Andy Betts was excited to win the raffle for the dinner bell made by the museum blacksmith. We hope to see you all next year!

THE LITTLEST FILM FESTIVAL

Bemis Public Library Film Festival! Re-create favorite scenes from movies or books and enter your short videos for a chance to win fabulous prizes in this all-ages community film festival. Information and contest rules will be available on the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org on Oct. 1.

- Submissions Due: Oct. 23
- YouTube Premiere: Oct. 30
- Live Screening & Prizes: Nov. 5, 5:30–7 p.m., Bemis Public Library Large Meeting Room



A Community-Wide Reading Event
Read. Connect. Engage.

Community Expert Charles Vogl Lauds Littleton. During the recent One Book One Littleton keynote address, author Charles Vogl reminded us of why we all love our library and

community. Here's a bit of what he had to say: "You have to live out your values. So when a little library in Littleton, Colo., noticed that we are living through the loneliest time in history, with the highest rates of depression, they decided to bring me in. A community expert. To try to knit back together what the last 18 months have taken away. So, you tell me, what are the values of this library? I literally cannot imagine what this country would look like if every city had a public institution that did this. I literally can't imagine it. Because it would look entirely different than the world we're living in now." If you haven't read *The Art of Community* yet, stop by **Bemis!**

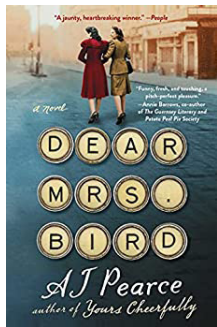


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PROGRAM/REGISTRATION

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 discussion sessions for any virtual book club in the [Virtual Events Calendar](#). Bemis Book Clubs are hybrid in-person/virtual programs. Participants

may attend at the library or via Zoom.

Oct. 6: Senior Book Group. *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. 1 p.m.

Oct. 20: Evening Book Club. *Dear Mrs. Bird* by A.J. Pearce. 5:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Every Thursday in October: Senior Social Club. We're ready to meet in person once again. Please join us for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. Be prepared for some special guests at one of our get-togethers—sweet dogs from the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley will stop by for cuddles. 9–11:30 a.m.

Oct. 1: Mundo Místico—Equatorial Guinea.* These monthly classes invite students to learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Attend in person or via Zoom. 9:30 a.m.

Oct. 2: The Dangers of Censorship: Banned Books Week Wrap-Up. Libraries stand against censorship and promote the right to read. But some books can be hard to defend. This interactive discussion wraps up a week of focusing on books that have been challenged and invites participants to

think about difficult books and the value they still have for readers. 2 p.m.

Oct. 8: Board Games @ Bemis. Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

Oct. 12: Ray Miller: The Journey of a Closeted Pastor. Ray Miller lived with the possibility of disaster for 79 years. If he had been publicly outed as a gay man, his ordination in the United Methodist Church would have been revoked, his marriage ended, and his family devastated. Despite all that, his story has hope and humor. Join this local author to hear about his journey as a Christian gay man before gay rights were recognized or protected. 2 p.m.

Oct. 14: A Musical Journey to Japan. Classically trained musician Yoko Hiraoka will perform on the koto (Japanese 13-stringed zither) and sing beautiful melodies of Japan while sharing poems, images and stories with each song in this introduction to Japanese culture and history. 2 p.m.

Oct. 18: Native Americans of Colorado with Active Minds. Learn about Colorado's Native American history and legacy through civilizations of the Ute, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pueblo and other tribes. 2 p.m.

Oct. 23: Plexiglass Layer Cake Craft Program.* Participants will use multiple copies of an image and several sheets of plexiglass to create interesting new perspectives, add collaged details and transform a two-dimensional image into 3D art. 2–3:30 p.m.

Oct. 27: Halloween Dance Party.* Part fitness, part monster ball, all fun. No prior dance knowledge needed. Dance to Halloween tunes like Thriller, Monster Mash, Ghostbusters and more. For ages 8 and up. Costumes and accessories are allowed—just make sure you can dance in them. 2 p.m.

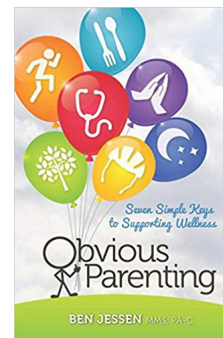
YOUTH EVENTS

Every Wednesday: Books and Blankets at Bemis. Families with kids of all ages can bring a blanket and enjoy 30 minutes of stories and songs outdoors on the lawn at the library. Story time will be held unless it's below 45° or in case of high winds or rain. Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. & Thursdays, 9:30 & 10:15 a.m.

Oct. 9–16: Children's Artist Showcase. Have you made something awesome? Bemis would like to put it on display. The library will accept children's creations for our Artist Showcase display in the Children's Room Oct. 9–16. Ideas include: Lego creations, artwork, crafts or printed pictures of Minecraft creations. Pick up your fantastic projects to take back home starting Nov. 5.

Oct. 16: Drop-In Discovery Art, 3rd Saturday of Every Month. Drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration. Kids can work through the process of creating an original piece of art. For families with children of all ages. 1–3 p.m.

Oct. 21: Obvious Parenting Class.* Ben Jessen, pediatric physician assistant and author of *Obvious Parenting: Seven Simple Keys to Supporting Wellness* will share some of his knowledge and answer



your questions about wellness and the stages of child development. All attendees receive a free copy of his book. An indoor story time and craft will be presented concurrently by Children's Librarians for children ages 3 and up. Caregivers may bring non-walking infants to the Jessen presentation, but please make other arrangements for walkers under the age of 3. Participants may attend at this hybrid presentation at the library or via Zoom. 10:15–11:15 a.m.

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Oct. 23: Play-Ground Theatre Presents a Spooktacular Halloween Acting Workshop.

Join Professor Big Brain in a fun, interactive workshop designed to increase children's imagination skills and build self-confidence while introducing them to beginning acting. The dramatic play activities include acting games, warm-ups, singing, music and movement. For ages 3 and older. 1-2 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Oct. 6: Franken-Toys.• Stitch together old stuffed animals to make your own uniquely freaky cuddly critter. 5-6:30 p.m.

Oct. 13: Teen Advisory Group. TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit. Help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends and have fun. Snacks served. 5-6 p.m.

Oct. 20: Tweenuesday, Ultimate Werewolf.* For kids in 5th-12th grades. Protect the village in this all-out game of deception. Snacks will be served. 5-6:30 p.m.

Oct. 27: Dungeons & Dragons.* Sign up to play D&D or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza and snacks will be served. 5-7 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 anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more.

Oct. 7: Learn About TikTok.* Learn the basics of creating and sharing videos on TikTok. Plus, learn how you can use this video-sharing social media tool to create a video for the Littlest Film Festival. 3:30-5 p.m.



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.

TheStudio@Bemis: Open Lab, Various Dates & Times. Drop in to TheStudio@Bemis to learn more about the space and its resources. Activities for the

Story Time Halloween Costume Parade!

Oct. 28 & 29, 1 p.m.

Join us outside either day, weather permitting, for Halloween fun at the annual Bemis'

Story Time
Costume
Parade for
kids of all
ages. Show



off your Halloween outfit, hear stories and collect treats along the path. Register beginning Oct. 14.

whole family will be provided, or feel free to bring any project you've been working on and connect with other makers.

TheStudio@Bemis: Stitch Circle, Various Dates and Times. Calling all knitters, crocheters and embroiderers. Drop in to the Stitch Circle at TheStudio@Bemis. Bring projects you've been working on or learn the basics of knitting or crocheting. This is an opportunity to meet and learn from other makers in the community.

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Pick your pumpkins, enjoy hayrides, play games and win prizes on our living history farms during the annual Harvest Festival! Admission is free. Pumpkins, some activities and refreshments require tickets, which can be purchased the day of the event. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Events & Exhibits

Oct. 2: Friends Craft Fair. Shop 200+ curated vendors at our 50th anniversary craft fair at Ketring Park. 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Through Oct. 16: Print Renaissance—Mid-century Masters of American Print Making. Featuring 18 artworks representing artists working alongside skilled printmakers.

Nov. 5–27: Secret Life of Clothes. This exhibit tells the everyday story of the “lifecycle” of clothes: The overlooked journey of clothing as a progression from fiber to finished garment, sale to storage, and finally to mending, disposal or reuse.

Nov. 12–Dec. 31: Own an Original. The 56th Annual Own an Original art competition features Colorado artists working in any art medium (except photography) with the theme of “Together (Again).”