

## Board Message

**Help Wanted!** Running the Friends organization takes time and talent. To keep the Friends operating—and raising funds for library and museum programming to benefit our whole community—the board has been working on succession planning. We need to identify and train new board members for key positions to responsibly manage our funds, communicate with members and run events. If you're interested in learning more about serving as editor of *The Oracle*, Craft Fair organizer, membership chair or treasurer, please email us at [friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com). You'll be joining a lively group full of ideas while providing invaluable community support!

The Friends organization offers many fulfilling volunteer opportunities outside of the board positions as well. You can volunteer for a single event or get on the schedule for library and museum support. Please reach out if you have time and interest. And, of course, be sure to make plans for the many great fall and winter activities you'll see inside these pages!

*Your Friends Board*

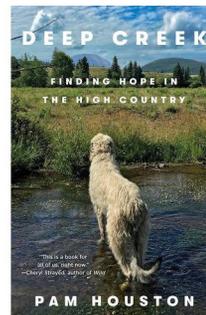
### Colorado Author Pam Houston Entertains & Informs at One Book Events on Sept. 26

A sellout crowd indulged in treats from Romano's, wine donated from Bookcliff Vineyards and good company during a ticketed author reception followed by a free author talk with Pam Houston. Earlier in the day, Pam hosted a small writing workshop for community members as well.

During her humorous talk and Q&A, Pam illuminated this year's theme of that "place" we all call home. The events wrapped up the program for 2022, which featured book clubs and a trivia night. Thanks to our sponsors and everyone who participated our community-wide reading program. Keep an eye out for 2023's book!



*From top: Librarian Claire Mattoon with Pam Houston; Luis Toro, his sister Ana and mother Delores; Pam sharing ranch photos*



*We want to express our appreciation to Romano's for hosting two fundraising nights in August. Thanks to our community's support and love of delicious food, we raised more than \$1,100 for library and museum programming!*

### Don't Miss Our Halloween Costume Parade: Oct. 27 & 28

Join Bemis Public Library for a littleton Halloween fun at our annual outdoor Story Time Costume Parade on Oct. 27 & 28. Children of all ages can join in either day to show off their Halloween outfits, enjoy some entertaining holiday songs and collect treats along the path.



Space is limited and registration is required. Call or stop by the Children's Desk beginning Oct. 13 to register.

**See inside for more Story Times!**



## Story Time Lineup

Join one of our weekly story times, geared toward individual age groups:

**BABY.** For caregivers with babies from birth to 1 year old. Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**TODDLER.** For caregivers with toddlers up to age 3 years old. Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

**PRESCHOOL.** Tots ages 3 years and older. Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**BOOKS and BLANKETS OUTDOOR.** All ages family story time featuring 30 minutes of stories and songs shared on the front lawn. (Held inside in poor weather.) Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

## REGISTRATION

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

## BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

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

**Oct. 5: Senior Book Group.** Ages 50+, discuss *We Were Never Here* by Andrea Bartz. Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or via Zoom. 1–2 p.m.

**Oct. 19: Evening Book Club.** Ages 18+, discuss *Siracusa* by Delia Ephron. Attend at the library in the downstairs conference room or via Zoom. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25: International Conversation Circle.** Meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. Registration required. Call Robert Little at

303-734-8413 or stop by LIRC to sign up. Noon–1:30 p.m.

**Oct. 4: An Introduction to the Harp.** All ages, listen to an enchanting selection of harp music, and then try your hand at strumming the strings of this beautiful instrument. 6–7 p.m.

**Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27: Senior Social Club.** Ages 50+, join us every Thursday for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

**Oct. 6 & 20: Stitch Circle.** All ages, join the Stitch Circle in TheStudio@ Bemis. Bring in your own projects or come to learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery. Meet, learn from and collaborate with other makers in the community. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 8: Caring for Older Adults.** Adults currently caring for an aging family member or friend, or preparing for that necessity, join us to learn from a licensed physical therapist. Registration required. 2–4 p.m.

**Oct. 10: Medicare 101.** Learn about the ABCs and Ds of Medicare from Allen McGirl of McGirl Insurance. 2–3 p.m.

**Oct. 13: Be Safe and Secure Online.** Ages 50+, learn online habits for safely enjoying the internet while connecting with family and friends. Instructors from the Center for Cyber Safety and Education lead this training session created specifically for seniors. 10–11 a.m.

**Oct. 13: Virtual Author Talk with Dr. Aziz Gazipura.** All ages, listen to a talk with Dr. Aziz Gazipura, one of the world's leading experts on social confidence as he discusses how to stop being too nice and worrying about what others might think. Presented by the Library Speakers Consortium. Registration required. 2–3 p.m.

**Oct. 13: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.** Ages 18+, join BMoCA Educator Melinda Laz for a workshop about BmoCA's current exhibition and create a piece of art inspired by the show. Registration required. 2–3:30 p.m.

**Oct. 14: Board Games @ Bemis.** All ages, drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

**Oct. 15: Tricky Treats Craft.** Ages 10+, decorate a candy jar with spooky decals and stencils created on TheStudio's Cricut Maker. Registration required. Two sessions: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.

**Oct. 18: Virtual Author Talk with Zain E. Asher.** All ages, join us in conversation with Zain E. Asher, a popular CNN anchor, as she discusses her moving and inspiring memoir *Where the Children Take Us*. Registration required. 5–6 p.m.

**Oct. 18: Gardening in Colorado—Fall Bulbs.** All ages, learn about the perfect time to plan and plant bulbs in the fall for a beautiful flower display next spring. Presented by a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County Colorado State University Extension Office. 6–7 p.m.

**Oct. 24: Colorado Ballot Issues with Active Minds.** Adults of all ages, join Active Minds for an objective review of the current issues on the ballot this fall, and review the referendum and initiatives in Colorado (including its history, pros and cons, and significant legislation that has resulted from this process in the past). 2–3 p.m.

**Oct. 25: Virtual Author Talk with Kate Quinn.** All ages, enjoy a talk on Quinn's newest release, *The Diamond Eye*, and her other New York Times bestsellers, including *The Alice Network*, *The Huntress* and *The Rose Code*. Registration required. 5–6 p.m.

**Oct. 26: Dungeons & Dragons.** Ages 10+, roll the dice, join a group and let your imagination soar with this popular tabletop roleplaying game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Experienced Dungeon Masters can earn thank-you gifts and community service credit for running tables. Pizza and snacks served. Registration required. 5–7:30 p.m.

**Oct. 29: Four Shillings Short Concert.** All ages, enjoy music, stories and folklore from the husband-and-wife duo

of Four Shillings Short, rooted in Celtic and American Folk, to celebrate the Celtic bonfire festival of Samhain. 2–3 p.m.

## YOUTH EVENTS

**Oct. 8: Paws to Read.** Grades K–5, practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and The Delta Society. Call 303-795-3961 to register for a 20-minute spot. 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

**Oct. 8: LEGO Club.** All ages (children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult), come build with us. Design and construct from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation. 3–4 p.m.

**Oct. 11: Sensory Story Time.** Caregivers and children of all abilities, join us for an inclusive and interactive story time designed for children who are neurodivergent or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased, and sensory toys, fidgets and noise canceling headphones are available for anyone who needs them. Story time includes songs, stories and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end. 3:30–4:15 p.m.

**Oct. 15: Drop-In Discovery Art.** Grades 5 and under, drop in and explore different art materials and techniques.

The library provides materials and inspiration, and kids can work through the process of creating an original piece of art. 1–3 p.m.

## TEEN EVENTS

**Oct. 5: Ultimate Werewolf.** Grades 6–12, protect the village from a pack of ravenous werewolves in this spooky game of social deduction. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

**Oct. 12: Teen Advisory Group.** Grades 6–12, help plan programs, choose new books and games, make friends, and have fun while earning community service credit. Participants are invited to exclusive programs like Laser Tag and holiday events. Snacks served. 5–6 p.m.

**Oct. 19: Tweeneday: Hocus Pocus Movie Party.** Grades 6–12, watch this classic Halloween movie and enjoy snacks to celebrate the season. 5–7 p.m.

## TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

**In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times.** All ages, sign up for an individualized technology appointment with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting

and more. Registration on the Events Calendar required.

**Oct. 13: Google Docs Basics.** Ages 18+, learn to use Google's free online word processor, including how to create documents, format text and save your work. Prerequisites: Familiarity with a computer and internet browser. Registration on the Events Calendar required. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

## THE STUDIO@BEMIS

**TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times.** All ages (children 12 and under accompanied by an adult), sign up for an individualized appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in TheStudio@Bemis, our new makerspace. Registration required.

**Oct. 11: TheStudio@Bemis Open Lab.** All ages (children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult), drop in to TheStudio@Bemis to learn more about the space and its resources. Activities for the whole family provided. Feel free to bring a creative project or idea you've been working on or ask about past library craft workshops. Connect with other makers and get inspired for your next project. 4–6 p.m.

## Friends Board of Directors

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## Contact Information

### **Littleton Museum**

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120  
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**

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961  
[bemismarmot.org](http://bemismarmot.org), [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis)  
[bemisteen.blogspot.com](http://bemisteen.blogspot.com)  
Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Friday–Saturday:  
9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sunday 1–5 p.m.

**Websites:** [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org), [littletoncraftfair.org](http://littletoncraftfair.org)

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**Upcoming Events:** Don't miss the Harvest Festival on Oct. 8 (10 a.m.–3 p.m.),  
the Own an Original: Labyrinth Opening Reception on Nov. 3 (5:30–7 p.m.)  
and Holiday's Evening on Dec. 11 (5:30–8 p.m.)!



**Own An  
Original**

Littleton Fine Arts Board

## 2022 Juried Fine Arts Exhibition

# Labyrinth

Juried by Molly Casey

**November 4 through December 31, 2022**  
Opening Reception: November 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm



*Sunday, December 11, 2022*  
*5:30 - 8 pm*

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**Advance Tickets  
for Friends  
Members  
Start Nov. 19!**



November 5, 2021 through November 27, 2022

