

Hello Friends!

As we head into 2023, the Friends board is looking at ways to save money and more efficiently serve our members. One way we plan to do that is to shift the publication of *The Oracle* from monthly to quarterly as the event information we provide is widely available from the city, library and museum. This year, we plan to publish *The Oracle* in January, May, September and November. We will include information on repeating library events and longer-term museum exhibits along with details on Friends activities, fundraisers, volunteers, members and more.

To stay informed about great events in Littleton, you have many options:

- **Littleton Report:** All residents of the City of Littleton receive printed copies of the bimonthly *Littleton Report*.
- **Littleton Report Online:** Anyone can sign up for the city's biweekly newsletter at littletonco.gov (search "subscribe to city news").
- **Library:** To sign up for the monthly eNewsletter, visit library.littletonco.gov, click Get Involved, and then click Join Our eNewsletter.
- **Museum:** To sign up for the bi-monthly newsletter, visit museum.littletonco.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Sign Up to the Newsletter.

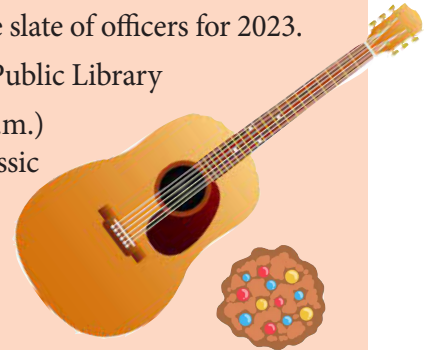
As always, thank you for your loyal membership and we look forward to visiting with you this year.

Happy New Year!
Your Friends Board

You're Invited to the Friends Annual Meeting on Feb. 11

Please join the Friends board and your fellow members for a brief Annual Meeting, including a vote on the slate of officers for 2023.

- Saturday, Feb. 11, 1–3 p.m., at Bemis Public Library
- Solo Guitarist Jerry Schillinger (1–2 p.m.) performing jazz, flamenco, gospel, classic country and more!
- Friends Social Hour with snacks and beverages (2–2:30 p.m.)
- Annual Meeting (2:30 p.m.)



Don't Miss Our Signature Events!

Watch for more details on the following events and fundraisers—plus many more.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 8. We heard the Easter Bunny may make an appearance. Also, be on the lookout for the jelly bean jar count contest in the weeks before. 10 a.m., Ketring Park

Museum Summer Concerts, Wednesdays, June & July (except July 5). Bring your friends, blankets, lawn chairs, cooler and dancing shoes to enjoy a different band each week. Expect food trucks and ice cream sales. Littleton Museum front lawn, 6:30–8 p.m.

Littleton Craft Fair, Saturday, Oct. 7. A great way to get outside, mingle and get some early holiday shopping done from the fabulous handcrafted vendor selections. Ketring Park, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Harvest Festival, Saturday, Oct. 14. Get great pumpkins, tour the grounds and indulge in the festivities. Littleton Museum, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.



thank you volunteers

If we don't say it enough, thank you to all the volunteers who make the Friends events and fundraisers so successful—not to mention the dedicated volunteers who help with daily operations at the library and museum!

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

UPCOMING CLOSURES

- **Monday, Jan. 16**, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- **Monday, Feb. 20**, Presidents' Day
- **Sunday, April 9**, Easter

REGISTRATION & INFO

To register for a program:

- Call the library at 303-795-3961, or
- Visit the Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org

To sign up for the library's monthly eNewsletter for a full list of programs, click [here](#) or visit library.littletonco.gov > Get Involved > Join Our eNewsletter.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Active Minds Programs, 4th Monday of the Month, 2–3 p.m. Join us for educational programs for adults of all ages. Visit the Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org for specific program titles as they become available.

Arapahoe County Housing Navigation Services, Every Monday from 1–4:30 p.m. Arapahoe County Housing Resource Navigation Services is offering free drop-in assistance at Bemis Public Library every Monday. Housing Resource Navigators will help the public with applying for housing, rental or mortgage and utility assistance. Services are on a first-come-first-served basis.

Bemis Book Clubs. Attend a book group to discuss thought-provoking books, either in-person at the library or via Zoom using links on the Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org.

- **Senior Book Group** meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month, 1–2 p.m.
- **Evening Book Club** meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Board Games @ Bemis, 2nd Friday of the Month, 5–7 p.m. All ages, drop in after-hours for board games.

International Conversation Circle, Every Thursday, Noon–1 p.m. Join us on the lower level of the library to meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. Registration is required. To sign up or for more information, email Robert Little at librzi@little-tongov.org or call 303-795-3968.

Senior Social Club, Every Thursday, 9:30–10:30 a.m. Ages 50 and up, join our weekly chat for seniors in Sophie's Place at the front of the library.

Virtual Author Talks, Various Dates. Bemis is proud to launch live-streamed discussions with bestselling authors presented by the Library Speakers Consortium. Visit libraryc.org/bemis to learn about upcoming authors, register to attend and watch previously recorded author discussions.

YOUTH EVENTS

LEGO Club, 1st Saturday of the Month, 3–4 p.m. All ages, design, construct and create your own LEGO creations. Build from a theme or use your imagination to make a brand-new creation. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

Paws to Read, 2nd Saturday of the Month, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Kids in grades 1–5 can 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.

Sensory Story Time, 2nd Tuesday of the Month, 10:30–11:15 a.m. Caregivers and children of all abilities are welcome to join us for an inclusive and interactive story time designed for children who are neurodivergent and/or have sensory needs. Light and sound are decreased. The library will provide sensory toys, fidgets and noise canceling headphones for anyone who needs them. Story time will include songs, stories and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end.

Story Times. Join one of our weekly story times, which are geared toward individual age groups.

- **Baby:** Caregivers with babies from 0–12 months. Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Toddler:** Caregivers with toddlers (walkers) up to age 3 years. Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **Preschool:** Ages 3 years and older. Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
- **Books & Blankets:** A family story time for all ages. Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Bring your kids and blankets for 30 minutes of stories and songs, shared outside on the library lawn. Story time will be held inside in poor weather.
- **Dial-A-Story:** Hear a new story from one of our librarians every week by dialing 303-795-3960.

TEEN EVENTS

Teen Takeover, 1st Wednesday of the Month, 5–6:30 p.m. Grades 6–12, join us to hang out and make something fun at your own pace. Snacks served.

Teen Advisory Group: 2nd Wednesday of the Month, 5–6:30 p.m. Grades 6–12, TAG is your opportunity to improve the library and earn community service credit.

Tweensday, 3rd Wednesday of the Month, 5–6:30 p.m. Grades 5–12, snacks served, registration required.

TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for an individualized technology appointment for help with accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Registration required.

THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for an appointment to learn more about makerspace resources such as the Cricut, sewing machines, digitization station and more. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required.

LITTLETON MUSEUM

MUSEUM INFO

The Littleton Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is a Smithsonian Institution Affiliate.

- For details on events, visit museum.littletonco.gov and click Events & Programs.
- To sign up for the bimonthly newsletter, visit museum.littletonco.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Sign Up to the Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Feb. 2:** Nature's Blueprints Opening Reception (5:30–7 p.m.), exhibit through March 15
- **Feb. 16:** REinterpreting REcreating Nature Opening Reception (5:30–7 p.m.), exhibit through May 14
- **March 25:** Divine Bovine
- **March 28:** History Adventures Day Camp registration opens for Friends members
- **April 26:** pARTy Maps
- **May 6:** Sheep to Shawl
- **June 3:** Draft Animal Day
- **Wednesdays in June & July (except July 5):** Summer Concerts
- **Oct. 7:** Littleton Craft Fair
- **Oct. 14:** Harvest Festival



NATURE'S BLUEPRINTS
BIOMIMICRY IN ART AND DESIGN
at the Littleton Museum
February 3 - March 15, 2023



Littleton
Christopher Warren
REinterpreting
REcreating Nature
February 17 - May 14, 2023
at the Littleton Museum



HISTORY
ADVENTURES

Friends Board of Directors

(Through February 2023)

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Contact Information

Littleton Museum

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
303-795-3950, museum.littletonco.gov
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, library.littletonco.gov
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, littletoncraftfair.org

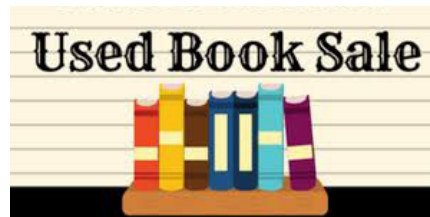
Blog: <https://friendslittleton.org/friends-blog>

Emails: friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com
lisa@littletoncraftfair.org

Support One of Our Top Fundraisers!

The Used Book Sale at Bemis Public Library consistently raises significant funds for library and museum programming that benefits our entire community. In 2022 alone, we raised over \$26,000 while making book ownership affordable and giving thousands of books new homes. Thanks to our amazing volunteers for sorting, moving and selling books, and for planning special sales throughout the year! If you want to get involved, please consider the following opportunities:

- **Research.** The Used Book Sale is looking for a research assistant to help price books that are candidates to sell online. This involves 2–4 hours per week working on a computer at the library; training is provided. If you're interested, contact Bernice Reed at breed9977@yahoo.com.
- **Volunteer Your Time:** The Used Book Sale can always use additional volunteers to work on a regular basis or fill in as needed.
- **Donate Books:** For details on what to donate and when, contact Michelle Graboski at 303-795-3961.
- **Shop!** Look to us for your regular reading and gift buying during the library's regular hours.



The screenshot shows the Littleton Colorado website. At the top left is the logo with a stylized 'L' and the text 'Littleton Colorado'. To the right are buttons for 'Report a Problem', 'Services', and 'English'. Below this is a horizontal navigation bar with categories: 'Community', 'Government', 'Building & Development', 'Business', and 'I Want To...'. A search bar with the placeholder text 'What can we help you find?' and a yellow 'Search' button is positioned over a background image of a house with a red roof. Below the search bar is a grid of eight service tiles, each with an icon and text: 'Online Payments' (hand with card), 'City Calendar' (calendar), 'Meeting Videos and Agendas' (video camera), 'Development Activity List' (document), 'Bemis Public Library' (open book), 'Littleton Museum' (classical building), 'Police Department' (police officer), and 'Budgets and Financial Reports' (document with dollar sign).

New Websites!

It's easier than ever to find information about Littleton, whether you're looking for information on recycling, reserving a book or attending an art opening. Bookmark these three sites in your browser now! If you need help navigating the internet, schedule a one-on-one tech appointment with a Bemis librarian.

- littletonco.gov
- library.littletonco.gov
- museum.littletonco.gov

And, of course, don't forget to look in on the Friends at friendslittleton.org.