

President's Message



A Fabulous Fall!

Excitement is building for the Friends Annual Meeting on Friday, Sept. 20, which includes recognizing the Distinguished Service Award Recipients, electing the Friends Board for next

year and enjoying an updated and abbreviated FIASCO performance. (FIASCO is performing on Saturday, Sept. 21, as well.) Stop by the museum or library for information.

With fall here, the busy holiday season approaches. The Craft Fair, the Harvest Festival and Holiday's Evening will be here before we know it. Take time to get outside to enjoy the beautiful autumn days and evenings that we are so lucky to have here in Littleton.

If you have some spare time to join other Friends with administrative tasks, we would love to have you volunteer. Schedules are flexible and could require only a few hours a month. If many people do a little, no one has to do a lot! If you're interested, let us know at friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com.

This year was the end of an era as it marked the final appearance of Ray and Barbara Bowman's 1948 fire truck serving as the Friends' Float in the Western Welcome Week Parade. The truck is being returned to its original fire department home in Paonia. A big "Thank You" to Ray and Barbara!

*Lisa Ohlgren
Board President*



Bemis Joins Prospector

Prospector borrowing is now available to Bemis patrons, offering access to over 30 million items. To borrow an item from Prospector, perform a regular catalog search at bemismarmot.org. If the item is not available in our catalog, scroll down to see the "See more results in Prospector" link. If the item is available, you may request it. Items will be delivered to Bemis within 7–10 days at no cost. If you still can't find your item, our Interlibrary Loan service will attempt to locate and borrow it from libraries nationwide.

The Way We Played Exhibit Open House!

Saturday, Sept. 14, noon–3 p.m.

This family-friendly event features hula-hoops, sidewalk chalk, lawn games, food trucks, ice cream, hot dogs and more on the front lawn! Inside, smaller visitors can try exploratory/sensory mats while others play board and card games, color and make paper airplanes. Bring your favorite childhood toy to have your picture taken with it, too!



USED BOOK SALE @ BEMIS

Thank You! Thanks to all who helped make the WWW Bag of Books a success, including those who came and went with bags and bags of books. Happy reading! Special thanks to Sue McNamee and her corps of volunteers for the countless hours of setup, stocking and selling.

September! As summer winds down, it's a great time to visit the Used Book Sale and stock up on your favorite authors. Due to the generous donations we receive, you'll find quality books on many subjects at great prices.

Volunteer. If you have some time on your hands, the sale can always use new volunteers. Jobs are waiting for stockers and people to sort books—anyone who can lift boxes will receive a very warm welcome! Stop by the sale and let us know—a few hours can make a difference!

Used Book Sale



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*TICKET / REGISTRATION

Events marked with an asterisk* require a ticket or registration. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961. Visit www.littletongov.org for more details on events.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Sept. 5 & 12 and Oct. 31: Creative Aging Workshops—Creative Writing: Our Lives, Our Poems*. Teaching artist Andrea Asali, from Think 360 Arts for Learning, will show you how to weave your stories and ideas into beautiful poems. Each workshop session will focus on different poetic forms, including tanka, abecedarian, ode, ghazal and blues poems. 2 p.m.

Sept. 5: Peter Heller Author Talk. Colorado author Peter Heller joins us to discuss his latest novel, *The River*. Heller is a national bestselling author and winner of the Reading the West Book Award. Tattered Cover book sales and signing to follow the event. 7 p.m.

Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Senior Social Club with AWRC. The Aging Well Resource Center invites local seniors to socialize with friends and neighbors over coffee and pastries at the library. Come to knit, try out jigsaw puzzles, engage in lively conversation or just make new connections. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Sept. 7: Musical Performance: Jerry Barlow. Acclaimed fingerstyle guitarist Jerry Barlow will perform traditional British music and his own original Celtic-inspired compositions. 2 p.m.

Sept. 9: Senior Book Club. Discuss *Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf. 2 p.m.

Sept. 10: Beer Lover's Colorado. Join beer enthusiast John Frank for *Beer Lover's Colorado*, the ultimate guidebook to the best beer, breweries and bars in Colorado. Frank is a beer columnist and political reporter at the *Colorado Sun*. 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: Crafts for Grownups: Crafting by the Book*. Join us to create art journals, blackout poetry, jewelry and more. We will use books that have been discarded from the library's collection. The library will provide supplies and space. You bring imagination and curiosity. Adults only, space is limited. 2–4 p.m.

Sept. 16: London with Active Minds. Join Active Minds as we tell the story of one of the world's greatest cities. From the Romans to the Anglo-Saxons, the Norman Conquest, and more, we tell the story of London right up to the present day. 2 p.m.

Sept. 16: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group. Discuss *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. 7 p.m.

Sept. 17: Beginning Genealogy-Researching Newspapers*. Historical newspaper resources are easy to access in this digital age. Learn to find records such as birth announcements, divorces, obituaries and news reports. Registration required on or before Sept. 10. Class fee is \$25 and includes the book *The Family Tree Historical Newspapers Guide*. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

Sept. 23 & 30: Power of Attorney and Living Will Clinic. Learn about powers of attorney and living wills and the benefits of completing them from Metro Volunteer Lawyers. Hear how to choose someone to make medical and financial decisions for you in case you are ever unable to do so. At this class, those who are financially eligible for free legal services may register for an appointment on Sept. 30 with volunteer attorneys who will help complete powers of attorney and living wills. 2 p.m.

Sept. 24: Legal Night with the Arapahoe County Bar Association, By Appointment Only*. Meet with an attorney, free-of-charge, for a 30-minute consultation. Attorneys, provided by the Arapahoe County Bar Association, can help with civil and commercial litigation, criminal defense, commercial and business law, employment law, estate planning, family law (including divorce), personal injury, accidents and wrongful death, probate administration and litigation and real estate. 5–8 p.m.

Sept. 26: Books & Beer: Brewing up Great Discussions. We're partnering with Blind Faith Brewing Co. to provide a new book group at the brewery! For our next meeting, read *All Natural* by Nathanael Johnson. Arrive earlier to take advantage of happy hour prices (2842 W. Bowles Ave.). 6 p.m.

Sept. 28: Movie Matinee. In *The Public*, a Cincinnati librarian helps a group of homeless people take refuge at the free public library to survive a brutal winter night. PG-13. 2–4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Sept. 7: Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club*. For kids in grades 1–5. 3 p.m.

Sept. 13: Give Tech a Try. Check out our new Code & Go Robot Mice and Ozobots. For kids ages 4 and up. Kids under age 6 must attend with an adult. 3–4:30 p.m.

Sept. 14: Paws to Read*. Kids in grades 1–5 are able to practice reading to a furry friend. Presented by Denver Pet Partners and the Delta Society. 10 a.m.–noon.

TEEN EVENTS

Sept. 6: Bob Ross Paint-Along*. Grab a brush and get ready to paint some happy trees. We'll provide all the materials you need to paint along and make a beautiful picture of your very own (or paint what you like while listening to the calming voice of a pop culture icon). This is an after-hours event. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. 5–7 p.m.

Sept. 13: Board Game Night. Play board games and enjoy snacks in the library after-hours. Teens must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. 5–7:30 p.m.

Sept. 28: Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping make the library better. 12–1:30 p.m.

COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING

All technology classes and open computer lab are offered from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted. One-on-One Technology Help is available on Wednesdays by appointment only, from 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Sept. 4, 11 & 18: One-on-One Technology Help, 30-minute time slots*. Sign up for a 30-minute individualized tech appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address. 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.

Sept. 9: Internet Basics*. Review different web browsers, navigating the internet, bookmarking websites, internet safety and more. 9:30–11 a.m.

Sept. 16: Canva Basics*. Canva is a free online graphic-design tool. We'll learn how to make our own beautiful graphics using their simple drag-and-drop format. Everyone will go home with a flyer they created themselves. 9:30–11 a.m.

Sept. 23 & 25: One-on-One Tech Help, 30-minute time slots*. (See description above.) 9:30–11 a.m.

Sept. 25: Cell Phone Photography*. Learn how to capture moments and memories beautifully, with just your smartphone! We'll go over tips and tricks for capturing the best image you can, as well as several free photo editing apps. Registration required and class size limited to 10 people. Prerequisites: Smartphone. 6–7:30 p.m.

Sept. 30: Writing a Resume with Word. Learn how to use Microsoft Word's formatting tools to create a resume. We will go over special formatting, such as horizontal line breaks, inserting symbols and changing

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the margins. We will also learn how to save documents as PDF. 9:30–11 a.m.

Computer and Device Training, Open Computer Lab.

Get answers to all of your computer-related questions every Thursday morning from 9:30–11 a.m. in the library's Computer Lab. Practice your skills and have a little one-on-one time with a class instructor. Bring your smartphone or tablet and receive individual help downloading ebooks and eaudiobooks to your device. No registration required.

Sept. Classes, One-on-One Tech Help & Open Computer Labs:

- Sept. 4: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.*
- Sept. 5: Open Computer Lab
- Sept. 9: Internet Basics*
- Sept. 11: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.*
- Sept. 12: Open Computer Lab
- Sept. 16: Canva Basics*
- Sept. 18: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m. and 1–3 p.m.*
- Sept. 19: Open Computer Lab
- Sept. 23: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.*
- Sept. 25: One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.*
- Sept. 25: Cell Phone Photography, 6–7:30 p.m.*
- Sept. 26: Open Computer Lab
- Sept. 30: Writing a Resume with Word*

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- Littleton Museum, 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
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The Way We Played
 Friday, Sept. 13 ~ Jan. 3, 2021
 Changing Exhibition Hall

Inspired by nostalgia, this is a toy exhibit for all ages, especially adults. By discovering and playing as kids, we grew strong, learned important social and tactile skills, and developed powerful relationships. It is the memory of these experiences, and our connection to our favorite toys, that evoke strong feelings of nostalgia for our younger years. Using interactive stations, photographs of Littleton locals and their favorite toys, and artifacts from the Littleton Museum's Collection, visitors of all ages are invited to experience and recall the ways they played.

Within and Without: Works by Nathan Abels

Friday, Sept. 20 ~ Sunday, Oct. 20
 Fine Art Exhibition Hall

Winner of the 2018 Littleton Fine Arts Board Own an Original competition, Denver-area artist Nathan Abels explores the relationship between the natural world and technology. In his upcoming exhibit, Abels depicts a speculative future after climate change. The residents of this future world have chosen to either try to leave the planet, or to withdraw from the larger remaining culture.



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CRAFT FAIR @ KETRING PARK

Saturday, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

Browse dozens of booths and choose from several food concession stands. The concessionaires will be serving breakfast and lunch items. Proceeds from booth fees will be used by the Friends of Littleton Library and Museum organization to sponsor programs at Littleton Museum and Bemis Public Library.

Know Before You Go

- No admission charge
- Rain, snow or shine
- Early shopping is discouraged—allow crafters time to set up their booths
- Attendance is high—observe all parking signs and directions
- Do not park in the Bemis Library lot—they need the space to carry out daily activities



HARVEST FESTIVAL @ THE MUSEUM

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Come one, come all, to the annual Harvest Festival at the Littleton Museum. On our 1860s farm, pick out your Halloween pumpkin and then enjoy hayrides and other fun activities. Play games and win prizes at our 1890s farm carnival.

Know Before You Go: Museum entrance is free, but some activities and refreshments require tickets, which can be purchased the day of the event. Cash or check only.

