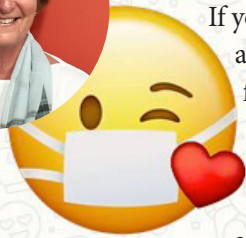


## President's Message



**The New Normal.** I hope this finds you adjusting to the new normal.



If you're bored and looking for something free and fun to do, you've come to the

right place. Start at [Littletongov.org](http://Littletongov.org) and then follow this path: My Littleton > Parks & Trails > Public Art. That will take you to the Fine Arts Board Tour of the public art on display in the City of Littleton. You'll love checking out the pieces you're familiar with and pass by daily, and you'll spot new ones to go see in person.

While you're at [Littletongov.org](http://Littletongov.org), take some time to explore the [Things to Do](#) at the library and the museum for a wealth of information and activities. Plus, click [Weekends on Main](#) at left to learn about the restaurants providing outdoor dining on Main Street from 3–9 p.m., Friday through Sunday, Sept. 18, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2. Enjoy a tasty afternoon or evening out and support our local businesses!

Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum are open with shortened hours and a mask requirement. In this issue, check out what's happening at the library and see details on the new Vibrant Bounty Chinese Folk Art exhibit open at the museum (reservations required). Your support is much appreciated in these challenging times.

Be safe, be well and be happy!

Lisa Ohlgren  
Board President



## Bylaws & Ballots

Click [here](#) to see proposed changes to the Friends' Bylaws. These changes are intended to simplify and modernize the governing principles of the Friends. You may provide feedback to [FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com) or FOLM c/o Bemis Library, 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120.

In addition, you will receive an email to vote for officers and directors of the Friends board.

## Friends Craft Fair on Hiatus for 2020

The health and safety of our community is the No. 1 priority for the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. To protect crafters, shoppers and staff, the Friends board has made the difficult decision to cancel the Friends Craft Fair scheduled for Oct. 3 in Ketring Park.

In working closely with Tri-County Health, we realized that complying with their requirements would be difficult and severely restrict attendance. Requirements included limiting attendance to 175 people at a time, maintaining social distance standards, creating a fenced perimeter, enforcing one-way traffic, increased sanitation, providing only contactless payment and more.

Since 1971, the Friends Craft Fair has been a beloved Littleton tradition featuring 300+ talented artisans and crafters, and the Friends look forward to hosting another wonderful fair in 2021.

**SEE INSIDE FOR EVENTS & EXHIBIT INFO!**

# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## Visiting the Library

Bemis Public Library is open to the public on a limited basis with the following modified hours:

- Tuesday–Friday, 1–6 p.m.
- Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Sunday–Monday, Closed

Guidelines for visiting the library:

- Patrons are encouraged to limit the size of their group and keep time spent in the library to 60 minutes or less.
- Computer sessions will be limited to one hour per person per day.
- Building capacity is limited to 60 people. Patrons will be admitted on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Once the library's capacity has been reached, a policy of one-out-one-in will be implemented.
- Pets (except for trained service animals) and food and beverages are not permitted in the library.
- Masks or face coverings are required for staff and the public per the Governor's Executive Order D 2020 110.



Thank you to Richard Hendry for photos of visitors and staff at our library and museum.

## BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

### TICKET/REGISTRATION

To register, participate or join any of these programs, go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

### LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**Sept. 1: Summer Safety Series—Aging in Place\*.** Staff from South Metro Fire Rescue will present this important senior safety workshop. Be sure to attend. 2–3 p.m.

**Senior Social Club—Fridays in September, 9:30–11:30 a.m.\*** Stay connected with Friday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, regular cellphone or landline.

**Sept. 10: Board Games @ Home\*.** Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. No registration required. Open to all ages. 5:30–8:30 p.m.

**Sept. 21: Eleanor Roosevelt with Active Minds\*.** As the longest serving First Lady of the United States, Eleanor

Roosevelt was both outspoken and, at times, quite controversial. Join Active Minds as we examine her life and the impact it had on important causes such as human rights and the successful launch of the United Nations. 2 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Dial-A-Story.** For children missing the weekly story time at Bemis, try Dial-A-Story. Call 303-795-3960 anytime to hear a picture book read by a Bemis librarian.



### **Bemis Library Kid's Corner**

**Videos.** Bemis Children's Librarians are busy creating videos which feature short story times, crafts, early literacy tips and puppet shows for you to enjoy. New selections premiere every Monday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Watch the videos anytime in the Kids' Corner playlist on the Bemis Library YouTube channel by searching YouTube for the LittletonGov channel.

### TEEN EVENTS

**Tuesdays in September: Teen Talk Tuesday\*.**

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. 4–5 p.m.

### COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

**Virtual One-on-One Tech Help—various dates and times\*.** Sign up for a 45-minute individualized virtual tech appointment

with a librarian. Get help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more.





# LITTLETON MUSEUM

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## Vibrant Bounty

### Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region

Aug. 14–Oct. 17, Littleton Museum

The art in this exhibit journeys through Shaanxi Province, one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. The capital city, Xi'an, was once the eastern terminus of the ancient Silk Road, and is famous for its extensive archaeological finds, most notably the Mausoleum of Qin Shi Huang and his Terracotta Army.

The artifacts in this collection explore China's rural life and they show, in detail, traditional Shaanxi customs. Objects range from children's clothing and toys to New Year's prints and decorative household items, often embroidered with lucky figures and animals. Not only are they carefully handmade and beautiful, they also hold symbolic wishes for good luck, good marriages and good health.

Through these folk-art paintings and the artifacts that accompany them, viewers gain a greater understanding of the customs, culture and humanity

of a people who share essential similarities—despite great distances. This exhibit was organized by ExhibitsUSA, a program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.



Zhijian Luo, *Rinsing Cloth in the River*, 1985-1991, tempera on paper, 34 3/4 x 24 1/4, private collection. © Zhijian Luo. Photo: E.G. Schempf.



Kids sporting masks check out the masks in the Vibrant Bounty exhibit. Photos by Richard Henry.

If the museum is closed due to COVID-19, enjoy a virtual visit at [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) (click City Services > City Departments > Museum), Facebook or Instagram.

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## Contact Information

### Littleton Museum

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[littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum)  
Wednesday–Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m. by reservation  
Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and holidays: closed

### Bemis Public Library

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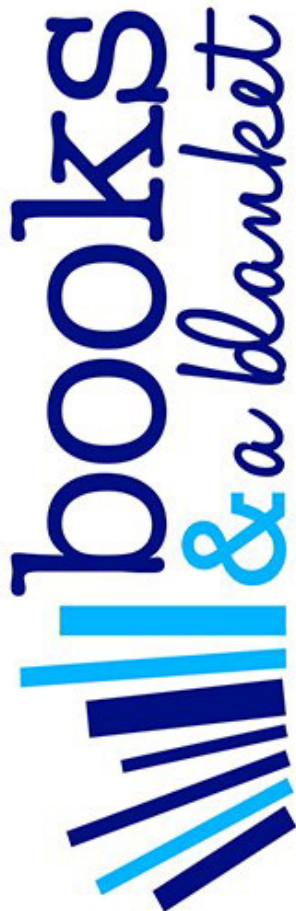
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## *Outdoor Story Time at Bemis* **BOOKS AND BLANKETS FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES**

Storytime is back—outdoors! The Children's Librarians at Bemis invite kiddos, family members and blankets to share 30 minutes of stories and songs on the lawn at the library. Details:

- ✎ Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. or 10:15 a.m.
- ✎ Space is limited; stop by the Children's Desk to register
- ✎ Bring your mask and plan to social distance
- ✎ Weather permitting
- ✎ Free activity
- ✎ 303-795-3961,  
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