

## President's Message



**Friends and Community.** Our Summer Concerts, Reading Programs and other activities were amazing! Now we head into the Friends busiest

few months. Let's get ready!

Mark your calendar for our 50th Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct 2. We're expecting around 250 vendors and thousands of guests shopping for some of the coolest handmade items available. Don't forget the Harvest Festival on Saturday, Oct. 9, featuring the pumpkin patch, games and fun fall activities. See inside this issue for other great events this fall.

I've been reading the One Book One Littleton inaugural book *The Art of Community* by Charles Vogl and I'm seeing ways the Friends could be a better organization in how we bond with our members and serve the community. Mr. Vogl emphasizes the importance of building community through activities that bind us together. Feeling connected is important, and one way to do that is to volunteer with the Friends. To learn about opportunities, email, call or text to [friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com) or 303-819-4443.

On Thursday, Sept. 16, Mr. Vogl will be in Littleton for a ticketed author reception and keynote address to help guide our community with the discussion that ensues. What a great opportunity! Find tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com) or stop in at the library for assistance.

Looking forward to seeing you!

Lisa A. Hendry  
Board President



### National Library Card Sign-Up Month

A library card opens so many doors—find out what you can do with yours. Sign up for a library card at Bemis and use your card to access online resources, reserve time in TheStudio@Bemis and, of course, check out books. You'll have a chance to enter a special prize drawing once you've unlocked your card's potential.

If you already have a library card at Bemis, you can still explore the options it gives you. Stop by the reference desk or go online to [bemismarmot.com](https://bemismarmot.com) for a chance to enter a prize drawing.



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

### One Book One Littleton

#### Author Reception & Keynote

September 16, 5:30–9 p.m., Arapahoe Community College Waring Theatre

Bemis Public Library is proud to announce its first community-wide reading event, One Book One Littleton. In partnership with the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, the library has invited author Charles Vogl to present an interactive keynote program on his book *The Art of Community: Seven Principles for Belonging*.

Attendees are encouraged to engage directly with the challenges that Littleton faces and the opportunities for strengthening the connections we have with each other. We encourage members of our community to read the book prior

to the author visit. The library has multiple copies of the title available to check out. Also, ask for a copy of a book group discussion guide and challenge each other to discuss and investigate the concepts in the book. Find tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://eventbrite.com).

### Sign Up for Library & Museum News

For the latest news on engaging programming at the library and museum, sign up for their newsletters.

- **Library:** [bemismarmot.org](https://bemismarmot.org) > click Library Events at left > then click Library Newsletter Sign-Up
- **Museum:** [bit.ly/LittletonMuseumEvents](https://bit.ly/LittletonMuseumEvents)



*Friends Craft Fair,  
Oct. 2, 2021*

**50th Anniversary  
Celebration!**

Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m.–  
4 p.m., Ketrang Park

Since 1971, shoppers have browsed hundreds of booths featuring handcrafted items while enjoying breakfast and lunch items from local nonprofit organizations who run the food concession stands. Proceeds from booth fees are used by the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum organization to sponsor programs for our community.

Crafters, to apply visit [friendslittleton.org](https://friendslittleton.org) > Programs and Events.

# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## 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](http://bemis.marmot.org). An asterisk \* next to an event indicates that registration is required.

## VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club in the Virtual Events Calendar at [bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org).

**Sept. 1: Virtual Senior Book Group.** *Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid. 1 p.m.

**Sept. 15: Evening Book Club.** *Little Family* by Ishmael Beah. This is a hybrid in-person/virtual event. Attendees may come to the library or attend via Zoom. 5:30 p.m.

## GENERAL PROGRAMS

**Every Thursday in September: Senior Social Club.** Join us for our weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. Be prepared for special guests at one of our get-togethers—some of the sweet dogs from the Humane Society of the South Platte Valley will stop by for cuddles. 9:30–11:30 a.m.

**Sept. 3: Mundo Místico—El Salvador.\*** This series of creative and engaging classes invite us to learn about Spanish language and culture through the unique lens of different countries. Attend in person or via Zoom. 9:30 a.m.

**Sept. 4: The Mark McQuery Trio.** Enjoy the acoustic guitar and creative lyrics of this local band and start the holiday weekend on an upbeat note. 2 p.m.

**Sept. 7: Managing Student Loan Debt with Canvas Credit Union.\*** This class will discuss options for repaying, reducing or avoiding student loans. Topics include grant and scholarship options, types of student loans, refinancing and consolidating, Public Service Loan Forgiveness and resources for more information. 5:30 p.m.

**Sept. 9: Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art.\*** Join BMOCA Educator Melinda Laz for a hands-on workshop about BMOCA's

new exhibition, *The Stubborn Influence of Painting*. Participants will create a piece of art inspired by the show. 2 p.m.

**Sept. 10: Board Games @ Bemis.** Drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks will be served. Open to all ages. 5–7 p.m.

**Sept. 11: Etched in Glass Craft Program.\*** Try out the library's new Cricut machine and embellish a piece of glassware with a permanent etched design. Participants will have an opportunity to customize a selection of templates, watch the Cricut work its magic and then learn how to etch glass to create a lasting memento. Ages 12 and up. 2 p.m.

**Sept. 20: Cuba with Active Minds.** Join Active Minds for a past, present and future look at our communist neighbor to the south. We will cover Castro's revolution, the Bay of Pigs, the Cuban Missile Crisis, Guantánamo Bay and current implications of the change in U.S. policy. 2 p.m.

**Sept. 25: Legendary Ladies Who Challenged the World.** The Legendary Ladies return to Bemis to portray six women who challenged society, fought for the rights of others and worked hard to create the change they wanted to see in the world. Join educator Emily Griffith, baseball player Maud Nelson, activist Elaine Goodale Eastman, bohemian rebel Mabel Dodge Luhan, explorer Isabella Bird and Denver's own businesswoman Mary Elitch Long to learn about their lives and the legacies they created. 2 p.m.

**Sept. 26–Oct. 2: Banned Books Week.** Each year, libraries seek to highlight the dangers of censorship and celebrate the freedom to read. This year enter a special week-long scavenger hunt in the stacks. Learn about books that have been challenged and why even well-intentioned censorship can lead to unfortunate consequences for our society. At the end of the week, participate in a discussion about how we might approach these difficult issues. Those who finish the scavenger hunt and attend the discussion will have a chance to win great prizes.

## YOUTH EVENTS

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.

This month, Bemis Public Library will offer the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program to children from birth through beginning kindergarten. Participants will receive a book checkoff log and a series of prizes as they progress through their 1000 book goal. Stop by the Children's Desk to get your log and begin your challenge.



**Dial-A-Story.** Call 303-795-3960 ANYTIME to hear a picture book read by one of the Bemis Children's librarians. Stories change weekly.

**Every Wednesday & Thursday: 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. Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., and Thursday at 9:30 and 10:15 a.m.

**Sept. 4: Magic Library Show.** Enjoy magic, juggling, hat tricks, cowboy rope tricks, balancing stunts and laughter. This interactive show is fun for the whole family. Cody Landstrom demonstrates how libraries and reading can be used to learn just about anything. 11 a.m.

**Sept. 18: Drop-In Discovery Art.** Drop in the third Saturday of 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. 1–3 p.m.

## TEEN EVENTS

**Sept. 1: Video Workshop.\*** Learn about the upcoming all-ages video contest and get ideas for creating your own entries. Snacks served. 5–6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 8: 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.



# LITTLETON MUSEUM

**Sept. 15: Tween Tuesday: Catapult Chaos.\*** For kids in 5th–12th grades. Create your own miniature siege engine and see who can fling marshmallows the farthest. Snacks served. 5–6:30 p.m.

**Sept. 22: Dungeons & Dragons.\*** Sign up to play D&D or run a game to earn community service credit. Pizza served. 5–7 p.m.

## TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

**In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times.\*** Sign up for a 45-minute virtual individualized tech appointment for help with anything from accessing eBooks and digital resources, assistance with internet connectivity, video chatting and more.

**TheStudio: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times.\*** Sign up for an individualized appointment to learn more about resources (such as the Cricut Maker and sewing machines) in TheStudio@ Bemis, our new makerspace.

**TheStudio@Bemis: Open Lab, Various Dates & Times.** Drop in to TheStudio anytime between 3–5 p.m. on specific open lab dates to learn more about the space and resources. Activities for the whole family will be provided, or feel free to bring any project you've been working on and connect with other makers.

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**Fabulous Fall.** Check out the Littleton Museum's innovative new offerings and beloved traditions coming this fall. For details, visit [littletongov.org](http://littletongov.org) > City Services > City Departments > Museum or call the museum at 303-795-3950.



## Print Renaissance

Mid-century Masters of American Printmaking

**September 24 - October 16, 2021**  
at the Littleton Museum

Jim Dine, American (b. 1935), *Imogen*, 1969, edition of 200, screen print, 8 x 12-5/8 inches. Gift of Polly and Mark Addison to the Polly and Mark Addison Collection, CU Art Museum, University of Colorado Boulder, 91.04.09. © Jim Dine, Courtesy Pace Wildenstein



### ***Do you know what makes Colorado special?***

The Littleton Museum is developing an exhibition about Colorado's firsts, famous, and fun facts, in a celebration of what makes this state unique, and

***we want your input!***

***Take the survey by Oct. 11!***

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See [littletongov.org/museum](http://littletongov.org/museum) for current hours and information

### **Bemis Public Library**

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[bemis.marmot.org](http://bemis.marmot.org) (Register for a Library Card at left)  
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See [www.littletongov.org/bemis](http://www.littletongov.org/bemis) for current hours, services and information

**Website:** [friendslittleton.org](http://friendslittleton.org)

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Littleton Museum

## Oct. 2

Friends Craft Fair  
Ketrington Park

# pARTy

*You Could Be  
the Next  
Andy Warhol*

**Tickets  
\$30**

**Thursday  
Sept 23**  
5:30 - 7:30 pm

**NEW!** At pARTy events, you get a chance to engage with the artwork in the exhibit in new and exciting ways, including gallery tours with a curator and creating your own art with expert guidance and professional supplies. Experiential learning is accompanied by exhibition-themed drinks and light fare to fuel your fun! Get inspired by works from mid-century masters of American printmaking then create your own works of art with the professional-grade supplies provided. Find tickets at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).