

Board Message

The Friends are making quite an impact this year! Our museum concerts were



more popular than ever—one music lover even recommended that we “don’t change a

thing”—we sold out our One Book One Littleton events in only the program’s



second year in existence, and our Craft Fair is filling right up with amazing crafters.

We owe our success with these great events to the support of our members, volunteers and valuable community support. This



month, we particularly want to thank Credit Union of Colorado, Bradford Auto Body and Edward Jones

for donating to the One Book program, and to Romano’s for hosting yet another fun and fabulous fundraiser.

Please encourage your neighbors, family and friends to join the Friends and attend our events. We look forward to seeing you!

Your Friends Board

Top to bottom: Kim Field picks up takeout from John Romano, Bo and Pat Rodriguez enjoy a pizza, and hungry customers head in to Romano’s.

LITTLETON CRAFT FAIR, OCT. 1

If you love crafting and craft fairs, we have the booth for you! Visit littletoncraftfair.org to apply for a booth at the 51st Annual Littleton Craft Fair on Saturday, Oct. 1, at scenic Ketring Park. Nearly 20,000 visitors flock to this annual favorite to get a jump on holiday shopping and discover new treasures for their homes.

The Littleton Craft Fair helps raise funds for the



Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum, which supports free concerts, speakers, supplies, and programs at Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum. Visit friendslittleton.org.



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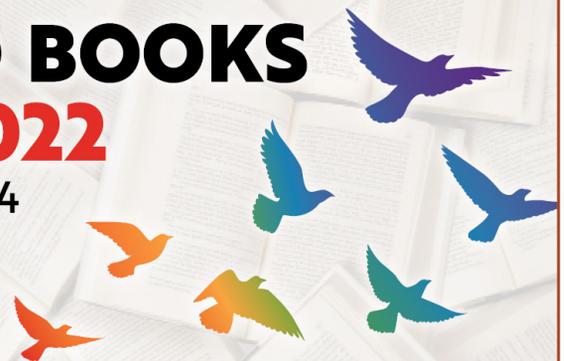
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BANNED BOOKS WEEK 2022

September 18–24

*Books Unite Us.
Censorship Divides Us.*



Hot Tickets! Don’t miss the **Friends Craft Fair on Oct. 1** for unique gifts for family, friends—and yourself. **September is National Library Card Signup Month:** Register for a new card, share your favorite thing about having a library card, pick up a button to show off your love of the library and enter to win fun prizes. **Sept. 18–24 is Banned Books Week:** Stand up for the right to read and join the library for activities and conversations about book banning, censorship and why it still matters today.

BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGISTRATION

To register for a program, call the library at 303-795-3961 or visit the Events Calendar at bemismarmot.org.

BEMIS BOOK CLUBS

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

Sept. 7: Senior Book Group. Ages 50+, discuss *American Marxism* by Mark R. Levin in the library's downstairs conference room. 1–2 p.m.

Sept. 14: Books & Beer Nonfiction Book Club. Ages 21+, discuss *Deep Creek: Finding Hope in the High Country* by Pam Houston at Jackass Hill Brewery, 2409 Main St. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Sept. 21: Evening Book Club. Ages 18+, discuss *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett in the library's downstairs conference room.. 6:30–7:30 p.m.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29: Senior Social Club. Ages 50+, attend a weekly chat in Sophie's Place at the front of the library. 9:30–10:30 a.m.

Sept. 2, 9, 16 & 23: Getting There: Travel Training with DRMAC. Adults of all ages, learn how to use public transit and other alternative transportation systems more effectively in this four-part class. Participants who complete all four sessions can take a free field trip to Union Station to practice what they learn. Training provided by the Denver Regional Mobility & Access Council. Registration required. 9:30–10:45 a.m.

Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27: International Conversation Circle. Join us Tuesdays on the lower level of the library to meet people from the U.S. and other countries, practice English and make new friends. Call Robert Little at 303-734-8413 or stop by LIRC to sign up. Noon–1:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 & 22: Stitch Circle. All ages, join the Stitch Circle in TheStudio@ Bemis. Bring in your projects or

come to learn the basics of knitting, crocheting or embroidery. You'll meet, learn from and collaborate with other makers in the community. 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Sept. 9: Beginner Genealogy Workshop with CGHS. Ages 18+, learn the basics of genealogy research and how to use resources available locally and online. The fee for this workshop includes a one-year membership in the Columbine Genealogical & Historical Society as well as workshop materials. Fee is \$35 per individual or \$45 per family. Registration required. 1–2:30 p.m.

Sept. 9: Board Games @ Bemis. All ages, drop in after-hours for board games. Pizza and snacks served. 5–7 p.m.

Sept. 10: The Legendary Ladies Present Extraordinary Women of the West. All ages, see the Legendary Ladies portray six women who challenged conventions, pushed boundaries and lived extraordinary lives. 2–3 p.m.

Sept. 12: Sit & Fit. Adults of all ages, join us for a chair exercise class presented by South Suburban. Learn how to keep fit while you sit. Registration required. 2–3 p.m.

Sept. 13: Cache La Poudre: the People, the Gunpowder and the River. All ages, hear historian Dave Lively share the story of the Poudre Canyon, and how the Cache La Poudre River shaped the North Front Range. 6–7 p.m.

Sept. 17: Banned Books Craft. Ages 10+, celebrate the freedom to read with a T-shirt of your favorite banned book, buttons featuring words that someone doesn't want you to read, and other crafts that stand against censorship. Registration required. Two sessions: 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. & 2–3:30 p.m.

Sept. 20: Gardening in Colorado: Common Plant Diseases. Take the mystery out of wilting plants and shriveled fruit by learning the symptoms, causes and cures for common plant diseases in Colorado. Presented by a Master Gardener with the Arapahoe County

Colorado State University Extension Office. 6–7 p.m.

Sept. 25: One Book One Littleton Writing Workshop, Author Reception and Lecture. These events are full but the program will be available on video later.

Sept. 26: Water in Colorado with Active Minds. Competing water interests have affected Colorado's history for over 100 years. Join Active Minds as we seek to understand our water history, the current challenges, including the drought in California, and what the future holds for our use of this precious resource. 2–3 p.m.

Sept. 28: Dungeons & Dragon. Ages 10+, let your imagination soar while enjoying this popular tabletop roleplaying game. Players of all experience levels are welcome. Pizza and snacks served. Registration required. 5–7:30 p.m.

YOUTH EVENTS

Starting Sept. 6: New Story Time Lineup. Bemis is featuring new weekly story times geared toward individual age groups.

- **BABY: Birth through age 1 year.** Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **TODDLER: Walkers up to age 3 years.** Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.
- **PRECHOOL: 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 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 10: LEGO Club. Ages 8–14, design and create your own LEGO creations. Build from a theme or make a brand-new creation. 3–4 p.m.

Sept. 13, 20 & 27: Sensory Story Time. Caregivers and children of all abilities are welcome. 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, and sensory toys, fidgets and noise

canceling headphones are available for anyone who needs them. Story time will include songs, stories and rhymes, with time to play and socialize at the end. 3:30–4:15 p.m.

Sept. 17: Drop-In Discovery Art. Grades 5 and under, drop in each month and explore different art materials and techniques. The library will provide materials and inspiration, and kids can work through the process of creating an original piece of art. 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Sept. 30: Movie Matinee: The Bad Guys. Ages 3+. After years of being the world’s most-wanted villains, the gang is finally caught. To keep out of prison, the Bad Guys set out to fool the world into believing they’ve gone good. Enjoy this action-comedy from DreamWorks Animation based on the best-selling Scholastic books. Snacks provided. Ages 3+; children under 8 must attend with an adult. Rated PG. Length: 100 minutes. Reservations required: call 303-795-3961 and ask for the Children’s Room beginning Sept. 16. 2–3:45 p.m.

TEEN EVENTS

Sept. 7: Teen Anime Club. Grades 6–12, join us for popular anime movies and TV shows, snacks and anime-inspired crafts and activities. 5–6:30 p.m.

Sept. 14: Teen Advisory Group. Grades 6–12, 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. Participants are invited to special Laser Tag events. 5–6 p.m.

Sept. 21: Tween Tuesday: Banned Books. Grades 5–12, celebrate the freedom to read, discuss why books get banned and write letters to favorite authors of banned books. Snacks served. Registration required. Sign up through this link beginning August 18. Snacks served. Registration required. 5–6:30 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY & DEVICE TRAINING

In Person One-on-One Tech Help, Various Dates & Times. All ages, sign up for a tech appointment with a librarian. Get help with accessing eBooks and digital resources, internet connectivity, video chatting and more. Online registration required.

Sept. 15: Gmail Basics. Adults 18+, learn the ins and outs of this free email service from Google, including reading, sending, forwarding and replying to emails as well as attaching files and downloading attachments

in both the web version and mobile app. Prerequisites: Familiarity with a computer and an internet browser. Registration required. 11:30–1 p.m.

Sept. 29: Tech Class: Novelist & Goodreads. Adults 18+, explore these great resources for finding your next book. Learn to use Novelist to find your next read and track your to-be-read list and reading goals with Goodreads. Prerequisites: Familiarity with a computer and an internet browser. Registration required. 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

THE STUDIO@BEMIS

TheStudio@Bemis: One-on-Ones, Various Dates & Times. Sign up for an appointment with a librarian to learn more about any resources in our maker-space. Online registration required. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sept. 13 & 27: TheStudio@Bemis Open Lab. 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. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. 4–6 p.m.

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6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120
303-795-3950, 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, www.littletongov.org/bemis
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>

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Littleton
HARVEST
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Saturday
October 8, 2022
10 am - 3 pm

This event is sponsored by 

Visit the charming living history farms at the Littleton Museum to select the perfect pumpkin and enjoy wagon rides, an 1890s carnival, the Oddities Tent, and other fun activities. Be sure to take some autumn-themed pictures at our photo-op stations and bring your wagon as pumpkins can be heavy! Attendance is free but games, refreshments, and wagon rides require tickets (purchased at the event, or purchased online in advance). Bring cash or checks for pumpkins (ATM on site).

Own an Original Entries

Submissions through Sept. 29

Colorado artists may submit their artwork (except for photography) for the Labyrinth-themed exhibit. Visit littletongov.org/museum, click Exhibits, and then Own an Original.

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Through Oct. 9, Littleton Museum

See the works of Denver artist Danielle SeeWalker of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

Artist Talk on the Red Road Project

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2–3 p.m., Littleton Museum

Visual artist Danielle SeeWalker and photographer Carlotta Cardana discuss their collaboration on The Red Road Project.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3: Own an Original: Labyrinth Opening Reception, 5:30–7 p.m.
- Dec. 11: Holiday's Evening, 5:30–8 p.m.

57th Annual Own An Original Thematic Fine Art Competition

The City of Littleton Fine Arts Board invites artists to submit work for the annual **Own an Original** exhibition, open to Colorado artists working in any medium except photography. The theme for the exhibit this year is "Labyrinth."

In Greek mythology, the Labyrinth was an elaborate, confusing structure designed to hold a mythical creature. In modern day English, the definition has become synonymous with the word maze - a complex branching puzzle with choices of path and direction that is hard to find one's way through. However, the classical labyrinth had only a single path to the center. A labyrinth in this sense has an unmistakable route to the center and back and presents no navigational challenge.

For some, the Labyrinth represents wholeness on a purposeful journey or path to our own center and back again out into the world. Often, walking a labyrinth can serve as a metaphor for life's journey or as a symbol that creates a sacred space and place and takes us out of our ego to our spirit within. Depending on one's perception of the term, a labyrinth can either be confusing and restricting or directional and liberating. We look forward to the various artistic interpretations of this complex theme.

To receive information on future calls for art or exhibit opportunities, please sign up for our emails at <http://bit.ly/LittletonMuseumEvents>

Call for Entries

Entry on CaFÉ opens on
Monday, August 15, 2022

www.CallforEntry.org

Deadline: Midnight on
Thursday, September 29, 2022

Juror: Molly Casey
ninedotarts.com/about/#molly-casey

Exhibition Dates:
November 4 through
December 31, 2022