

## A Big Year for the Friends!

In 2025, the Friends focused on significant investments in Bemis Public Library, the Littleton Museum, and the Friends organization. These investments position us to continue supporting our cultural institutions for years to come.

### Library Investments

The Friends donation of \$37,000 funded:

- Reading program prizes
- Cultural festivals
- One Book One Littleton community reading program
- Community art project, The Studio (Makerspace) Programs
- Early Literacy Station equipment, play kitchen, sensory floor tiles
- Board games, teen video games
- Doorstep delivery bags

- Bookmobile supplies
- Book display furniture
- Training, professional conferences, and staff appreciation

Plus, with the additional one-time \$100,000 Friends donation, the library is planning improvements to the meeting room downstairs to improve patron comfort, staff setup, aesthetics, and AV.

### Museum Investments

The Friends donation of \$35,000+ funded:

- Free summer concert series
  - Exhibition openings
  - Blacksmith supplies
  - Professional conferences, traveling exhibition visits, staff appreciation
- The museum made great use of the additional one-time \$100,000 Friends donation by funding a scissor lift, carpet, floor cleaner, barista cart for employee appreciation, and a traveling exhibition.

### Friends Investments

The Friends hired a membership consultant and web designer to make joining the Friends easier and make your membership more meaningful and more connected to the experiences you love. Look for news March 1 at FriendsLittleton.org. These initiatives were funded by Arts & Culture Grant funds and other generous donations.

*We thank you for your ongoing loyalty and look forward to what we can all accomplish together in 2026!*

### Creative Writing Contest

The 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Friends Creative Writing Contest for students in grades 1–12 will officially open for submissions on Feb. 18, 2026. Please visit friendslittleton.org for all contest rules and information. The deadline for submissions is April 6, 2026.

### FRIENDS ANNUAL MEETING!

Join us for breakfast, conversation, insights, and celebrations. Bring a friend for a chance at door prizes!

- Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026
- 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- Bemis Public Library Downstairs, Large Meeting Room
- RSVP to: friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com

Plus, preview our new website and enhanced membership tiers.

*What is the role of libraries in 2026?  
Are museums facing new challenges today?  
And how do the Friends help?*

Find out—from the Directors of Bemis Public Library and the Littleton Museum—at the Friends Annual Meeting on Feb. 21!



# BEMIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

## INFO & REGISTRATION

To sign up for the library's monthly eNewsletter for a full list of programs, visit [library.littletonco.gov](http://library.littletonco.gov) > Get Involved > Join Our eNewsletter. To register for a program indicated by an asterisk (\*):

- Call the library at 303-795-3961, or
- Visit the Events Calendar at <https://bemis.libcal.com/calendar/events>

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### Active Minds, Fourth Mondays, 2 pm

**Feb. 23:** The Olympic Games

**March 23:** Harriet Tubman

**April 27:** Pompeii

### Big Ideas Lecture Series, Feb. 5, April 2, May 7, 6 pm

Faculty from the School of Arts, Culture, & Society at ACC share fresh insights into the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Each talk is free, public, and designed to spark thought and conversation.



### Littleton Creates\*

Explore a variety of media and techniques in themed arts workshops led by local professional arts educators and library staff. Materials are provided, including art journals and take-home activities.

**Feb. 21:** Family Stories with Museo de las Américas

**March 21:** Soul Walking Watercolor

**April 18:** Found Poetry Collage Workshop

**May 16:** Frida Kahlo: Queen of the Selfie with Museo de las Américas

**June 20:** Soul Walking Watercolor

**July 18:** BMCA

**Aug. 15:** BMCA

**Sept. 19:** Soul Walking Watercolor

**Oct. 17:** BMCA

### Creating a Pollinator Habitat, March 28, 11 am

Curious about pollinator gardening? Learn from a CSU Master Gardener. This beginner-friendly presentation covers habitats, pollinator plants, and gardening practices sure to make your garden buzz.

### Digital Discovery: eBooks, April 23, 2 pm\*

This workshop for seniors is on accessing eBooks using library resources. Bring your preferred reading device—a smartphone, tablet, or laptop—and learn how to access content in Libby and Hoopla. Registration required, limited to 10.

### Spring Plant Swap, April 25, 10 am

Bring cuttings, seedlings, transplants, or houseplants that need a new home, and take some new-to-you plants in exchange. No plants to contribute? There are always extras left at the end of the day.

### Seed Starting Workshop, April 25, 11 am

An expert from CSU Extension will lead this fun, informative workshop.

### Teen Arcade, Second Wednesdays, 5:30 pm\*

Something new and exciting from Mario Kart tournaments and retro game spotlights to interactive, life-size gaming experiences.

**Feb. 11:** Marble Racing

**March 11:** Jackbox Games

**April 8:** Smash Bros. Tournament

### New! Teen Art Lab, Third Wed., 5:30 pm\*

**Feb. 18:** LEGO X Mario Kart World

**March 18:** Spring Break Box Fort

**April 15:** Pendulum Painting

### Baby Garden, Mon., 10 am

Enjoy a relaxed and baby-focused environment for babies 0–12 months. Do tummy time on a giant soft playmat and play with favorite toys. Coffee and tea provided for caregivers, bottle warmer available for babies.

### Drop-In Tutoring, Mon., 5–7 pm

National Honor Society high school volunteer tutors are available in the Children's Room and on the Teen Deck to help students in grades 3–9 with math, English, and general homework.

## StoryTimes

**Toddler:** Tuesdays, 9:30 am

**All-ages:** Wednesdays, 9:30 & 10:30 am and Thursdays, 9:30 am

**Baby:** Thursdays, 10:30 am

### Shake Your Sillies Out, Feb. 6 & 20, 9:30 am

Drop in to a dance party room with fun lights and kid-friendly music.

### Take Your Child to the Library Day, Feb. 7

Celebrate by doing a library scavenger hunt with your child (Children's Desk all day) or joining a library-themed LEGO Club event at 3 pm.

### Beginner Embroidery Club, 11 am–noon or 1–2 pm\*

Sign up for a morning or afternoon kid-centered embroidery class in the library's makerspace! The session is designed for beginners and focuses on preparing materials, creating a design, and practicing a basic stitch.

**Feb. 13:** Valentines

**March 6:** Lucky Charms

**March 27:** Bookmark Blooms

### Cover-to-Cover Spring Reading Program, March 7–April 18

For children 4–12. Read five books and earn a free hamburger or cheeseburger at In-N-Out Burgers. Registration cards at the Children's Desk.

### Heritage Irish Stepdancers, March 15, 3 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the young champions from Heritage Irish Stepdancers.

### Nature's Educators Presents Rocky Mountain Wildlife, March 26, 3 pm

The Rocky Mountains have incredibly diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Learn what makes our habitats such a great place for feathered, scaly, and slimy neighbors. Meet animal ambassadors that are true natives. Grades kindergarten and older.

### Let's Draw Animals Cartooning Class, March 27, 3 pm\*

Come to this fun and interactive virtual Zoom program with award-winning cartoonist Rick Stromoski and learn to draw a variety of furry, hoofed, and feathered cartoon animal friends. Sign up starting March 6. Grades 1–8.

# 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 [LittletonMuseum.org](http://LittletonMuseum.org) and click Events & Programs.
- To sign up for the event newsletter, visit [LittletonMuseum.org](http://LittletonMuseum.org), scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Sign Up to the Newsletter.

## SIGNIFICANT DATES

**Tuesday, March 3:** Registration opens to Friends members for History Adventures summer camps

**Sunday, April 5:** Closed for Easter

**Sunday, April 19:** Last day to see *Kate Ferretti: The Life of a Colorado Hat Maker* exhibition



June 3: Michael Friedman Band  
 June 10: The Ninety Percent 90s  
 June 17: MicroGrass Band  
 June 24: Delta Sonics  
 July 8: Slopeside  
 July 15: The ThreadBarons  
 July 22: Dakota Blonde

Littleton Museum Front lawn

## Friends Board of Directors

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## Contact Information

**Littleton Museum**  
 6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3950,  
[LittletonMuseum.org](http://LittletonMuseum.org)  
 Tues.–Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m.–5 p.m., last entry  
 4:30 p.m., closed Mondays and holidays

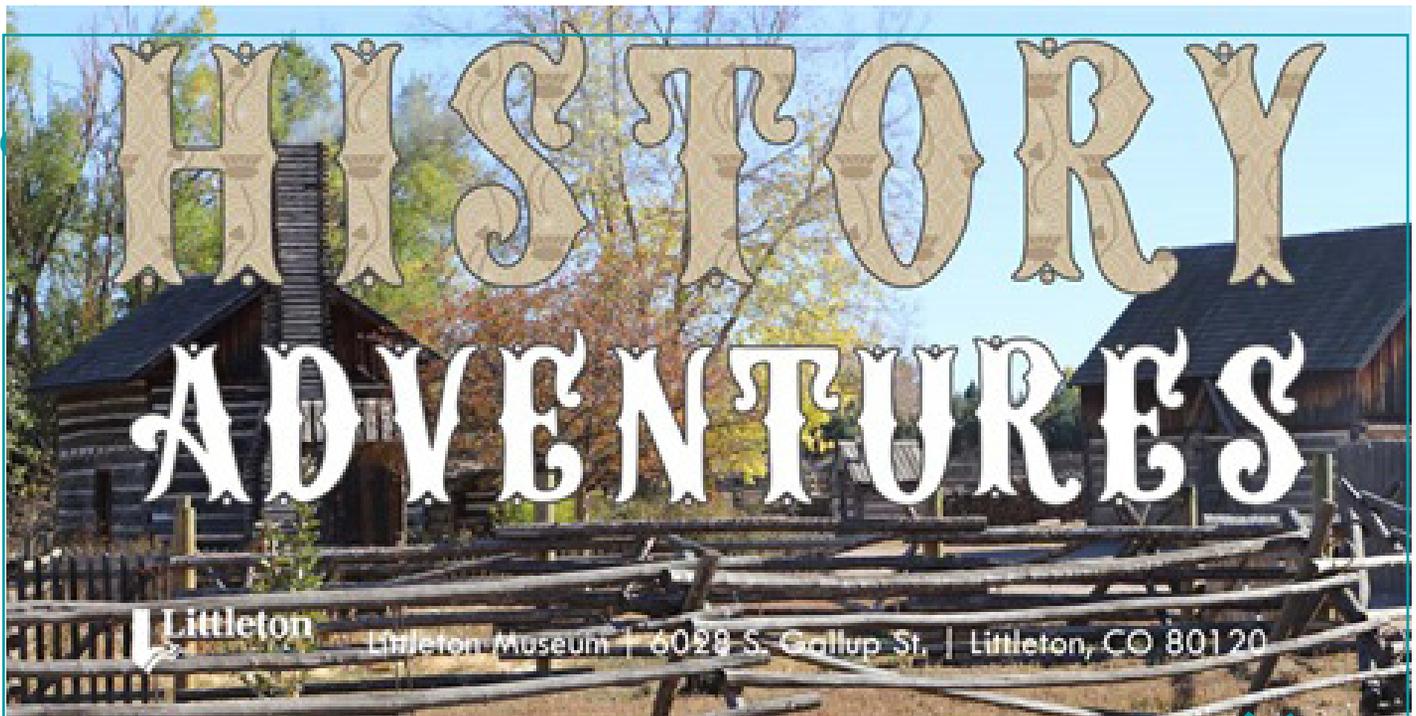
**Bemis Public Library**  
 6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120, 303-795-3961  
[Bemis.Marmot.org](http://Bemis.Marmot.org), [Library.Littletonco.gov](http://Library.Littletonco.gov)  
 Mon.–Thurs. 9 a.m.–8 p.m., Fri.–Sat. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.,  
 Sun. 1–5 p.m.

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

**Email:** [FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsLibraryMuseum@gmail.com)

If you're interested in serving on the Friends board,  
 email [friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com](mailto:friendslibrarymuseum@gmail.com).

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**An Unforgettable Experience!** The Littleton Museum's sought-after History Adventures summer camps help young explorers understand the experiences of early Coloradans through hands-on activities and instruction from expert historical interpreters. Dates, topics, and registration are available at [LittletonMuseum.org](http://LittletonMuseum.org).

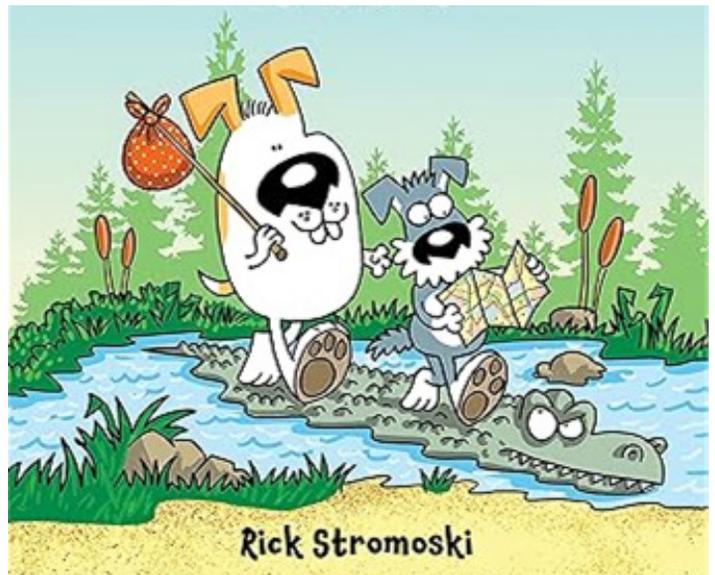
**Early Registration for Friends Members Starts March 3!**

## Sign Up for Community Rewards!



The Friends earn hundreds of dollars a quarter for the library and museum through our members' regular shopping trips. All you do is use your loyalty card or enter your phone number, and they give a percent of your sale to the Friends.

- 1 To participate, visit [KingSoopers.com](http://KingSoopers.com).
- 2 Click Sign In in the upper-right corner to login.
- 3 At left, click your name, and then select My Account.
- 4 Select Community Rewards.
- 5 Select the Friends (organization #XL433).



**Rick Stromoski**

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