

## President's Message



It's only February and the year is looking great for the Friends! First, let's welcome "new" board member Carolyn Hinkley! Carolyn brings lots of technical knowledge to the board, and she will be helping us get up to

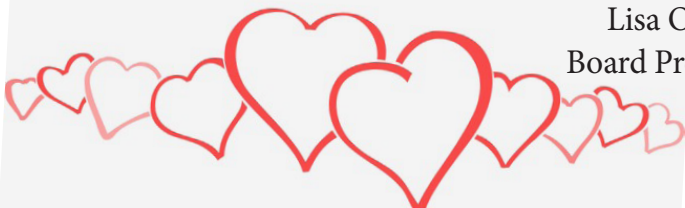
speed this spring. She is a longtime member of the Friends and has been a board member in the past. We now have a full board and plan for an exciting 2019!

Final figures are in for the Holiday Book Sale, and all I can say is "Yay!!!" We brought in \$12,441 during the holidays and a total revenue of \$29,634 for 2018. The Friends use this money to fund many activities and programs at our library and museum. The hundreds of volunteer hours that make this possible are most appreciated. The core group of Sue McNamee, Bernice Reed, Barb Brann and Anita Kannady are assisted by a huge group of volunteers who contribute their time to make all this possible—thank you all! Many thanks to the Friends and customers who came to shop and buy books for holiday giving and personal keepsakes.

While I'm thanking people on behalf of the Friends, a big shout out to the Volunteer Interpreters. Angela Weeden, Mike Woeste, Bruce Nash, Karin Kowalski, Bill Henderson, Vernetta Philben and Lisa Hendry all were in character at Holiday's Eve and made it an extra special and authentic event.

We now have nearly 700 Friends members, so you are in great company. Happy Valentine's Day!

Lisa Ohlgren  
Board President



## Bemis Public Library Joins the Marmot Library Network



Bemis Library patrons will see big changes and improvements in service and access to

materials in 2019 when Bemis joins the Marmot Library Network in late February. **Marmot is a library consortium made up of 28 library systems across Colorado.** Membership in Marmot will mean access to over 4 million items for Bemis library patrons, an expanded collection of ebooks and audiobooks, a newly enhanced library catalog and eventual access to Prospector, a unified catalog of libraries in Colorado and Wyoming. Ask about our move to the Marmot Library Network at Bemis.

## Clean Slate at Bemis Library!



Bemis Library is extending a gift to anyone with overdue books: our Clean Slate program. When you return an overdue item, **all overdue fines will be waived through the end of February.** Also, the library will waive

50% of charges for lost or damaged items, on the condition that the other 50% is paid in full.

# BEMIS LIBRARY

## \*TICKET / REGISTRATION

Events marked with an asterisk\* require a ticket or registration. To register for an event, call the library at 303-795-3961.

**Through Feb. 28: Winter Reading Program—A Blizzard of Books.** Chase the winter blues away with our adult winter reading program, Blizzard of Books. Pick up your book bingo card at the library to compete for chances to win great prizes. Daily.

**Feb. 2: Tech It Out—Technology Fair.** Demo Spheros, Ozobots, Bloxels, Virtual Reality and more at Bemis Library's Tech It Out Technology Fair! Try your hand at the latest technologies on the lower level in the Art Gallery and visit booths from local businesses such as Young Engineers. noon–4 p.m.

**Feb. 4: Senior Book Club—*Lilac Girls*.** By Martha Hall Kelly, 2 p.m.

**Feb. 4: Santeria and the Hispanic Caribbean.** Hear how the Santeria or Yoruba theology became part of the Hispanic Caribbean culture through Africans brought to these islands as slaves. The slaves continued practicing their beliefs, masking their demigods with the many saints introduced by the Catholic missionaries. The practice continues today through the Hispanic Caribbean islands and in other countries. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 9: Musical Performance—Jam Key Jam.** Jam Key Jam features two talented musicians from Nepal, Nabin & Bijay. Hear their contemporary spin on classical ragas and traditional Nepali folk music. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 11: Enhancing Micro-Circulation.** Learn about the current science regarding micro-circulation and the various modalities that improve micro-circulation, including food and exercise. Presenter Zita Easton is a Certified Nutrition Therapy Practitioner and Dementia Specialist. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 13: Documentary Film—*Turning Point*.** Filmmaker James Keach takes us inside the quest for the first medication that could treat the underlying process of Alzheimer's disease. Meet the people and scientists behind these grand experiments. Sponsored by Highline Place Memory Care and Willowbrook Place Memory Care. 2–4 p.m.

**Feb. 16: Love Your Local Author Showcase.** Littleton and Colorado authors will be on hand to discuss their work, and sign and sell books. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 17: Crafts for Grownups at the Library—Heartfelt Crafts\*.** The library will provide supplies and space, you bring imagination and curiosity. These programs are for adults only. Space is limited. 2–4 p.m.

**Feb. 21: Black History Live—Maya Angelou.** Join renowned storyteller Becky Stone as she portrays Maya Angelou. This living history portrayal will give insight into Angelou's philosophy of life, which included a strong belief in the power of words. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 22: Pope Francis with Active Minds.** Join Active Minds to understand why Catholics and much of the non-Catholic world find Pope Francis so appealing. Topics to be discussed include the Pope's background, his impact since becoming Pope in 2013 and what the future may hold for the Catholic Church under his leadership. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 23: Movie Matinée—*The Old Man & The Gun*.** 2–4 p.m., PG-13.

**Feb. 26: Racism in America with OLLI.** Why do we have so much trouble talking about race? Join an instructor from OLLI, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Denver, as we explore the history of racism and learn about the varying perceptions of racism in our country. 2 p.m.

**Feb. 27: Monday Evening Book Discussion Group—*Heft*.** By Liz Moore. We will meet on the fourth Wednesday in February due to Monday closures. 7–8 p.m.

**Feb. 28: Books & Beer—Brewing Up Great Discussions.** We're partnering with Saint Patrick's Brewing Company, a local business, to provide a new book group—at the brewery! Each month, read a nonfiction book about a social, economic or historical topic, and then meet to discuss it over a beverage. For our next meeting on Feb. 28 at 6 p.m., read *A Book About Love* by Jonas Lehrer. Arrive earlier to take advantage of happy hour prices. Saint Patrick's Brewing Company is located at 2842 W. Bowles Ave. 6 p.m.

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Feb. 2: Ready, Set, BUILD Lego Club\*.** For kids in grades K–5. 3 p.m.

**Feb. 9: Paws to Read\*.** For kids in grades K–5. Read to a furry friend. 10 a.m.–noon.

**Feb. 10: Hop, Chop & Read!\*** Play a ninja game and visit a variety of ninja activity

stations when author Todd Tuell visits Bemis. Autographed copies of Tuell's book, *Ninja, Ninja, Never Stop*, will be available for purchase. For children ages 3 and up. 3 p.m.

## TEEN EVENTS

**Feb. 8: Family Board Game Night.** Families of all ages are invited for board games and pizza in the library after-hours. Participants not accompanied by an adult parent/guardian must arrange for a ride home at 7:30 p.m. 5–7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 15: The Chocolate Games\*.** Happy Chocolate Games and may the sweets be ever in your favor. Join us for a host of hilarious games celebrating all things chocolate. Participants must arrange for a ride home at 7 p.m. 5–7 p.m.

**Feb. 23: Teen Advisory Group (TAG).** TAG, you're it—the fourth Saturday of every month! Enjoy fun and games while you earn community service credit by helping us make the library better. noon–1:30 p.m.

## COMPUTER & DEVICE TRAINING @ BEMIS

**Instruction.** Call the library to register for classes and One-on-One Technology Help\*. No registration required for Thursday Open Computer Lab. Microsoft (MS) software classes use MS Office 2010. All technology classes and open computer lab are from 9:30–11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**One-on-One Technology Help.** Sign up for a 30-minute individualized appointment with a librarian to get assistance with anything from Smartphones and Tablets to signing up for an email address. One-on-One Technology Help is offered by appointment only on Wednesdays, 1:30–3 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- **Feb. 4.** One-on-One Tech Help, 9:30–11 a.m.\*
- **Feb. 6.** One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- **Feb. 7.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 11.** Google Drive Basics\*
- **Feb. 13.** One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- **Feb. 14.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 20.** Writing a Resume with Word, 6–7:30 p.m.\*
- **Feb. 21.** Open Computer Lab
- **Feb. 27.** One-on-One Tech Help, 1:30–3 p.m.\*
- **Feb. 28.** Open Computer Lab



# LITTLETON MUSEUM

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## Littleton Museum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

In 2019, we're celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Littleton Museum. Starting with the transfer of artifacts from the Littleton Historical Society to the (then) Littleton Historical Museum, museum staff and volunteers began the task of occupying the original building and creating the first exhibits. The house, which originally belonged to D.K. Lord and later the Vernon Ketring family, was retrofitted to accommodate exhibits, mainly about Littleton's agricultural past.



**Museum Grounds, 1969.** In this photo, you can see the early circular driveway and the giant cottonwood tree that was taken down in the early 2000s due to safety issues. The main entrance was just behind and to the left of the tree. This is now the entrance for school groups. Credit: Littleton Museum Photograph

## Volunteers Needed!

Do you like working with people?  
Do you have some free time during the week or on weekends?  
The museum is looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions. For more information or for a volunteer application, please contact the Littleton Museum at 303-795-3950.

**Museum Ambassador:** This is a new volunteer opportunity that is perfect for active adults. This volunteer position is responsible for interacting with our visitors on the living history farm exhibits and in the exhibit galleries.

**School Group Greeter:** This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for retired teachers or any adult who has experience working with children and is comfortable speaking in front of large groups.

**Living History Interpreter:** This volunteer position is for adults who love to live in the past. Dressed in period costume, you interpret the history of 19<sup>th</sup>-century Colorado. Prior experience in cooking, fiber arts, farming, gardening or any related skills is preferred but training is available.

## Friends Board of Directors

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## Contact Information

### Littleton Museum

6028 S. Gallup St., Littleton, CO 80120  
303-795-3950, musbk@littletongov.org  
www.littletongov.org/museum/events  
Tuesday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

### Bemis Library

6014 S. Datura St., Littleton, CO 80120  
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Monday–Thursday, 9 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Friday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Sunday, 1–5 p.m.

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# Feb. 2

Ready, Set, BUILD  
Lego Club

# Feb. 9

Jam Key Jam  
Musical Performance

# Feb. 16

Love Your Local Author  
Showcase

# Feb. 21

Black History Live—  
Maya Angelou

## Museum Summer Camps

Registration for the Littleton Museum summer camps begins on Feb. 1, 2019, at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search Littleton Museum in the Event field). For more information, call the museum at 303-795-3950 or email [musw@littletongov.org](mailto:musw@littletongov.org).

**Adventures in History** offers children interested in history the opportunity to experience life in the South Platte Valley in the 19th century. Participants learn about the life of a typical farm family in 1860s Colorado through a variety of hands-on activities carried out on the museum's 1860s pioneer farm. In past years, children have enjoyed blacksmithing, crafts, cooking, and games. This weeklong program will be offered the weeks of June 3–7, July 8–12, and Aug. 5–9. This camp is for kids going into 4th, 5th or 6th grade in the fall of 2019. Cost is \$200 and members of the Friends receive a 10% discount.

**Critters and Crafts** is a fun and educational camp for kids going into kindergarten and 1st grade in the fall of 2019. Each day of camp participants meet a new farm animal, learn a craft and enjoy story time. This camp will be offered June 18–21 and July 16–19. Sessions are half-day with the morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost for this camp is \$100 and members of the Friends receive a 10% discount.

*Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum Receive 10% Off All Camps!*

**Young Pioneers** is an abbreviated version of the Adventures in History camp, and is for kids going into 2nd and 3rd grade in the fall of 2019. Participants learn about the life of Colorado pioneers in the 1860s. Activities include crafts, games, cooking, and other fun and educational activities. This camp will be offered June 25–28 and July 23–26. Sessions are half-day with the morning session from 9 a.m. to noon, and the afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost for this camp is \$100 and members of the Friends receive a 10%.

