

President's Message

Holidays in May...

May is a month of many special days. May Day, the first of May and is celebrated with flowers and May baskets, May poles, and in some countries



dancing and festivals along with good wishes for the bright sunny days to follow.

The seventh day of May is National Teachers Day. Many FOLM members



are teachers and former teachers. These very special people teach our kids the skills that they need to venture out into the world on their own.

If you see a teacher on this day, please give him or her a very big, special Thank You!

Mother's Day this year falls on the twelfth. Mother's are very, very special people and deserve the very best attention and love that we can give them.



Remember the Mother's who are close to you and maybe those whose family may not be close enough to celebrate with them this year. Mom's like flowers, cards, calls, candy and hearing your voices. (Not a text!)

May is also a month to remember those who have served their country in the military. This year Armed Forces Day is the



eighteenth of May. Take time to thank those who took time out of their lives to protect and preserve our way of life.

Memorial Day on May twenty-seventh is a day of remembrance as well as a holiday marking the beginning of summer. While the burgers are cooking and the kids are playing, remember those who have gone



before.

There are most likely other days in May that are special to you and your family. Enjoy them all. Summer is almost here!

Barb Brann ~ President

Welcome, New Friends

Since this time last month, we've gained 11_new memberships with at least 22 new Friends:

Hugh & Joyce Brown, Kara & Nicole Collinge, Cynthia & Andrew Ehrnstein, Mary Farley & James Shelton, Andrea & Christopher Forrest, Richard Hofmann, Howard Kisling & Lee Regnier, Sue & John Levine, Nancy Linsenbigler, Erica & David Potvin, Kerian & Gregory Rossman, and Billie & James Weber.



If you happen to run into any of these new **Friends**, then be sure to give them an enthusiastic "Welcome to the **Friends!**" If it happens to be the week of May 13-19 "Reading is Fun" week, take them on over to our fantastic Bemis Library for story time!

You will all have a lot of fun sharing that special time with your new friends.

As of April 6th there were 705 active memberships consisting of more than 1,203 **Friends**, with 47 renewing Friends this month.

If you have any friends or neighbors that might be interested in joining the Friends, then be sure to give them a Friends' new member form. If they want more information we are also live on **FACEBOOK** now with links to our websites, Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. You can also pick up blank forms at either the Library or Museum or you may download and print a new member's form from WWW.LITTLETON.ORG/FRIENDS/FRIENDSREG.PDF

Diane Murphy
Membership Committee

Where's Waldo

Congratulations to Joe Hanson who found his name in the April issue of *The Oracle*. The new win streak is now two-in-a-row.

Overall, you are pretty good at finding the hidden name. For the last ten times that *Where's Waldo* has appeared in *The Oracle*, there have been 6 winners. Keep pursuing *The Oracle* because you might find your name and member hidden in this issue.



As a reminder to those who have overlooked their hidden names, if you happen to notice your name and member number hidden in a past issue it's never too late to call Anita and claim a prize.



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Summer Reading Programs Begin May 21



The theme of our adult summer reading program is *Between the Covers—Lives Revealed*. Register at the Information Desk and receive a prize just for registering! Fill out a drawing slip for every book you read or listen to, and join in on certain library activities, and you'll be eligible for the weekly drawings. The grand prize drawing will be for a

\$100 shopping spree at Aspen Grove.

The theme of the teen summer reading program is *Own the Night!* Online registration begins May 21. The registration link will be located on the Bemis Library Home page (www.littleongov.org/bemis), but participants need to pick up their reading packets at the library. All participants who complete the program will receive a free book, and numerous prizes will be awarded throughout the summer.

This summer, kids can *Dream Big—READ* at Bemis. Infants through children entering fifth grade can pick up a reading record to track reading time and collect prizes along the way, including a book to keep and entry into the weekly prize drawing after completing six hours of reading. We'll host entertainers, activities, craft programs, puppet shows and story times every week. Visit us and find out more!

May 5: Teen Read the Movie Club

This month's movie is *War Horse*. Noon.

May 5: Saturday Movie Matinee

Bring the family to see the film *We Bought a Zoo*. An amazing true story about a single dad who decides his family needs a fresh start, so he and his two children move to the most unlikely of places—a zoo. 2 p.m.



May 7: Senior Book Club

The Source by James Michener. An archaeological excavation of Tell Makor launches a journey into the history and culture of the Jews that includes the early Hebrews, the Spanish Inquisition, and the modern Middle East conflict. 2 p.m.

May 9: Developing a Leadership Spirit

Learn how to move out of your comfort zone and tap into internal leadership strengths with internationally recognized speaker Buna Dahal. As a child born blind in Nepal, Dahal encountered the boundaries of low expectations. 7 p.m.

May 10: Teen Summer Film School

Applications will be available at the library starting today for our annual, and very popular, teen film school held at the Binning Foundation. Please call the library for details.

May 12: Musical Moments in Sophie's Place

Marta Burton and Nick Rossi perform highlights from Broadway's beloved musical *Les Miserables: Light and Shadow*. 2 p.m.



May 15: Inside Look at Kennedy's Secret Service Agents

Gerald Blaine, a member of JFK's Secret Service detail, will talk about his memories of President Kennedy. Blaine will reveal the inside story of the assassination, the weeks and days that led to it, and its heart-rending aftermath. Copies of Blaine's book will be available for purchase. 7 p.m.

May 17: Senior Wii Bowling

Join our bowling league, whether you're an expert or have never tried it before. No registration is required, and you do not have to attend every time in order to participate. 2 p.m.



May 17: Teen Gaming

Enjoy Xbox Kinect and Wii games, featuring a different game each month. 3:30 p.m.

May 19: Unconventional Women of the West

Enjoy a dramatic presentation by seven actresses portraying unconventional women in the history of the West. Historical characters performed will include Lillian Russell (actress and singer), Susan Shelby Magoffin (first white women on the

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Note: There will be no Story Time in May.

Story Box

A 30-minute session for infants-36 months and a caring adult to introduce the joy or rhythm, rhyme, and reading. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Space is limited; free ticket available one week in advance.

Dial-a-Story

Call 303-795-3960 to listen to a new story or an old favorite anytime.

Story Time

Thirty minutes of stories, songs and activities for ages 3-kindergarten, with a puppet show the first week of the month. Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. No tickets required.

Paws to Read

Presented by the Delta Society on the third Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-noon. Kids in grades 1-5 practice reading to a furry friend. Call the library to register for a 20-minute spot.



Writing Contest Awards

The 2012 Children's Creative Writing Contest awards presentation was held April 15 at Bemis Library. This year's speaker was author Denise Vega. As in years past, the winner's entries will be published in a book that will be available for viewing at the Library. This year, you can also order a book to take home yourself. Please contact me if you would like to purchase a copy for \$10.



The winners by grade and category were:

- ★ **Grades 1/2 Poetry:** 1st Cal Cherry; 2nd Luciana Benedetto; 3rd Kyle Bloom; 4th Amber Mogg; Honorable Mention Sophia Lisco
- ★ **Grades 1/2 Short Story:** 1st Isabella Cole; 2nd Amber Mogg; 3rd Cadence Reese; 4th Kyle Bloom; Honorable Mention Reese Goldinger
- ★ **Grades 3/4 Poetry:** 1st Grant Brumage-Heller; 2nd Michael Wilson; 3rd Lia Anderson; 4th Elizabeth Somer; Honorable Mention Ambriel Speagle
- ★ **Grades 3/4 Short Story:** 1st Jackson Mundell; 2nd Abby Cohrs; 3rd Colby Quinones; 4th Julianna Dickman; Honorable Mention Kira MacGill
- ★ **Grades 5/6 Poetry:** 1st Carl Kinyon; 2nd Kari Reuter; 3rd Chloe Smith; 4th Jerry Yesayan; Honorable Mention Justin Holmes
- ★ **Grades 5/6 Short Story:** 1st Lauren Hoodmaker; 2nd Madeline House; 3rd Kade Vickers; 4th Carl Kinyon; Honorable Mention Kendall Jordan
- ★ **Grades 7/8 Poetry:** 1st Abby Rictor; 2nd Elizabeth Eshleman; 3rd Kimiko Ching; 4th Emma Olsen; Honorable Mention Alana Shoob
- ★ **Grades 7/8 Short Story:** 1st Victoria Cheng; 2nd Kimiko Ching; 3rd Emma Olsen; 4th Elena Jauregui; Honorable Mention Natalie Swartwout

Barb Bolen, Writing Contest, Chair

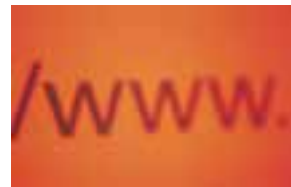
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The rules: Somewhere in this issue, there is a Friends' name along with his or her Friends' member number (in addition to the address label). The member's name and number may be out in the open or in an obscure hiding place. If the hidden name and number are yours, contact Anita Kannady (303-794-9210) to claim your prize. The winner has a choice of either a packet of Littleton Museum themed note cards, a \$5 gift certificate for the Friends' Used Book Sale, Historic Littleton coloring books, or a lovely Teal Blue Friends' T-shirt in size XX Large.



Friends' Website

As of June 1, 2012, The Littleton Community Network (LCN) will cease operations. For years, LCN has hosted information about the Friends, such as our sponsored events and activities as well as what the Friends does for the Bemis Library and Littleton Museum. Prospective members can also download the current issue of *The Oracle* and a new member form. Gayle Peters, Member #2239



At the March meeting, the Board felt that having a website for the Friends was of sufficient value that another host should be found.

If you have experience in website design and would like to help, please contact Roy Kannady at 303-794-9210 or Barb Brann at 303-711-9190.

Roy Kannady
Membership Committee





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May 4: Butter Churning

Help churn butter in the 1860's cabin. 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

May 12: Laundry Day

Laundry day was a very important day for the pioneers. Help us clean the laundry by the 1860s summer kitchen. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



May 12: Victorian Seashell Boxes

Enjoy the Victorian art of creating a small box decorated with sea shells. For ages 7 and over. Space is limited so please call ahead to reserve a spot. 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

May 13: Mother's Day Refreshments

Come celebrate Mother's Day with us by sitting in the 1890s garden sipping lemonade. Meet at 2:00 p.m. under the pergola.



May 26: Milking the Cow

Come by the 1890s barn and try your hand at milking the cow. Program starts at 2:00 p.m.



Volunteers needed at the Museum

The Museum is looking for a Volunteer available to work on Fridays from 9am to 1pm providing introductions to school groups. This is a great volunteer opportunity for retired teachers or anyone who enjoys working with kids of all ages.

The Museum is also looking for several youth volunteers to help with interpretive programs during the summer. You must be 14 to volunteer and be comfortable talking to people of all ages and dressing in costume. Volunteer duties will vary but may include helping with the Museum's Adventures in History summer camp, gardening, cooking, etc. Please contact Suellen Winstead for more information. 303-795-7111.

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Santa Fe Trail), Charlie Parkhurst (stagecoach driver), Silver Heels (dancehall girl), Bertha Spears (Harvey Girl), Ellis Meredith (suffragist) and Calamity Jane. 2 p.m.

May 21: Littleton's Historic City Ditch

Join Littleton Public Services Director Charlie Blosten for an entertaining talk about the history of the City Ditch and the proposed City Ditch Trail. Certain areas of the City Ditch have not changed in over 150 years, and the new trail will allow people to walk in the footsteps of Littleton's pioneers. 2 p.m.

May 21: Evening Book Group

The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane by Katherine Howe. A spellbinding novel that moves between contemporary times and one of the most disturbing periods in American history—the Salem witch trials. 7 p.m.



May 25: Teen Babysitting Class

Become a certified babysitter by attending this American Red Cross class at the library. For ages 11-15; the course fee is \$85. To register, please call the American Red Cross directly at 303-722-7474. Class is 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

May 25: Teen Advisory Group

Planning the Murder Mystery event. 3:30 p.m.

May 26: Movie Madness with The Muppets

Join us for this fun, family movie. A couple of brothers and the local schoolteacher team up to attempt to reunite Kermit, Fozzie and the rest of the Muppet gang in order to save the Muppets' studio from an evil oil baron. Snacks will be served. For families with children 3 years and older; children under the age of 8 must attend with an adult. Please call the library beginning May 5 to reserve your space. 2 p.m.

GET COMPUTER & INTERNET SMART @ BEMIS

Call the Library to register. No registration is required for Open Computer Lab. Classes are from 9–10:30 A.M.

Computer Comfort: May 1
Beginning Windows: May 2
Open Computer Lab: May 4
Beginning Internet: May 5
Beginning Word: May 8
Intermediate Word: May 9
Open Computer Lab: May 11
Beginning Excel: May 15
Intermediate Excel: May 16
Open Computer Lab: May 18
Mousercise: May 19
Saving and Finding Files: May 22
Google Docs: May 23
Open Computer Lab: May 25



**Please Complete and Return by Monday, June 21, 2012
Reservations are Required.**

Tickets Must be Purchased in Advance.

Member Name(s) _____ Will Attend Will Not Attend
Guest Name(s) _____ Will Attend
Number in Party _____ @ \$ 8.00 per person = \$ _____
 Enclosed Check Number _____ (Payable to "FOLM") or Cash

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OR

**Littleton Museum
Front Desk
6028 S. Gallup Street**



Friends' Annual Business Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum cordially invite you to attend the 49th Annual Business Meeting on **Friday, June 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m., at Bemis Library**. Tickets are \$8.00 and must be purchased in advance. Our special event liquor license doesn't permit us to sell tickets at the door that evening.

If you receive either *The Oracle* or *The digital Oracle*, you will not receive an invitation via USPS mail.

Prior to the Business Meeting, you can sample the wine bar, reconnect with some old Friends and nibble on some delectable selections from the catered buffet. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a short business meeting followed by the election of Officers for the 2012-13 term and Directors for the 2012-14 term (see Election Slate below).

Following the elections, (about 7:00 p.m.), there will be some enjoyable entertainment to wrap-up the evening.

RSVP by Monday, June 21st providing the names and number in your party who plan to attend and enclose a check or cash for \$8.00 per person. You can return your RSVP and payment by mail to:

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or deposit your RSVP in the RSVP Drop Boxes provided at both the Library and the Museum. If you're unable to attend, we would appreciate it if you would let us know by either checking the RSVP "Will Not Attend" box and returning the RSVP or sending an RSVP email:

**TO: FRIENDS.INFO@YAHOO.COM
SUBJECT: Will Not Attend**

Please note that this is an adults-only event.
We hope you can make it to the Annual Meeting.

Election Slate of Officers (2012-2013)

- President ~ Bob Johnson
- 1st Vice President ~ Jean Larson
- 2nd Vice President ~ Diane Murphy
- Secretary ~ Pat Rodriguez
- Treasurer ~ Diane Taylor

and

Directors (2012-2014)

- Director (2012-14) ~ Joe Rice
- Director (2012-14) ~ Jodi Schlang
- Terms That Expire In 2013**
- Director (2011-13) ~ Craig Bailey
- Director (2011-13) ~ Todd Nikkel



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EVENTS CALENDAR

~ May ~

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| <p>1 Computer Comfort, Library 9 a.m.
 2 Beginning Windows, Library 9 a.m.
 4 Butter Churning, Museum, 10:30 a.m.
 4 Open Computer Lab, Library, 9 a.m.
 5 Teen Read the Movie, Library, Noon
 5 Movie Matinee, Library, 2 p.m.
 5 Beginning Internet, Library, 9 a.m.
 7 Senior Book Club, Library, 2 p.m.
 8 Beginning Word, Library, 9 a.m.
 9 Developing Leadership, Library, 7 p.m.
 9 Intermediate Word, Library, 9 a.m.
 10 Teen Film School, Library
 11 Open Computer Lab, Library, 9 a.m.
 12 Musical Moments, Library, 2 p.m.</p> | <p>12 Laundry Day, Museum, 10:00 a.m.
 12 Seashell Boxes, Museum, 10:00 a.m.
 13 Mother's Day, Museum, 2:00 p.m.
 15 Kennedy's Secret Service, Library, 7 p.m.
 15 Beginning Excel, Library, 9 a.m.
 16 Intermediate Excel, Library, 9 a.m.
 17 Senior Wii Bowling, Library, 2 p.m.
 17 Teen Gaming, Library, 3:30 p.m.
 18 Open Computer Lab, Library, 9 a.m.
 19 Women of the West, Library, 2 p.m.
 19 Mousercise, Library, 9 a.m.
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 25 Babysitting Class, Library, 9 a.m.
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