

BOOKISH IN BELEN

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Belén Public Library

August 2021

Belén Public Library Programs & Services

The Library has reopened!
Face masks are required.

Hours are Monday through Friday,
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturdays will be added in September.

No appointment is needed for computer
stations and courtyard Wi-Fi.
Computer support is available M-F 10-2.
Computer courses will be added in the fall.

To request the public meeting room,
call Library Director Kathy Pickering at
505-966-2600.

A past president of the New York Public
Library, Timothy Healy, once noted, “The
most important asset of any library goes
home at night—the library staff.” We
wholeheartedly agree.

The Friends board would like to recog-
nize and thank the staff of the Belén Public
Library and Harvey House for their service
to the community during this protracted
pandemic. They responded to uncertainty
and volatility with adaptability and
creativity, pivoting to curbside, virtual,
and by-appointment delivery so all of us
could stay connected to the vital resources
they provide.

We will always consider them to be
essential workers.

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Building on a bright idea from Julie Sanchez and a masterful execution by Dorie Corrao and a team of crackerjack volunteers, **Books on Becker** was a grand success story until pulled up short by the pandemic and shuttered for nearly 15 months. Our nonprofit used bookstore reopened with great fanfare on June 5—and then filled with water and mud during the July 6 storm and canal breach.

We continue to be grateful for the loyalty and support of our customers. Our new powerhouse management team of Merita Wilson, Jo'l Moore, and Kathy Jaramillo is looking to the future, and exciting developments are afoot. We now:

- ◆ accept credit cards, in addition to cash.
- ◆ have a dedicated store phone, answered during store hours: 505-785-2835.
- ◆ are open on Tuesdays too.
- ◆ have welcomed our first employee, Arlene. Do stop by soon to browse and say hello.

Seven rooms. Comfy chairs. Thousands of books. Great prices.

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 12 noon to 5 p.m.,
at 513 Becker Avenue in the Belén Arts District.
Purchases help fund Library programs and scholarships.

Come find your treasure!

Deborah Graham Memorial Scholarships 2021

I'm in love with my future, can't wait to meet her. —BILLIE EILISH

The Friends of the Belén Public Library is pleased to announce that it has awarded \$1,000 Deborah Graham Memorial Scholarships to four college-bound graduates of high schools in Belén.

The annual Scholarship awards are made possible by generous support from Lifetime Friends member Janis Marston and by the Friends. The Scholarships honor the memory of a past Belén Public Library director.

Congratulations to the Scholarship recipients and best wishes to them as they embark on their college and career adventures.



Mia Guest
will study Medicine at
Colorado Christian University



Natalie Martinez
will study at NMSU and wants to
be a Physical Therapist



Sierra Gabaldon
will study Graphic Design at UNM-VC



Tanya Padilla
will study Aerospace at NMSU

Treasurer's Report - 2020

Merita Wilson

Income - 2020

Bookstore Sales*	\$ 1,915.45
Donations & Membership Dues	625.00
Graham Scholarships Donation	3,000.00
Total Income	\$ 5,540.45

Expenses - 2020

Library Programs & Books	\$ 1,255.01
Library Administrative	329.50
Graham Scholarships (4 @ \$1000)	4,000.00
Bookstore Supplies & Equipment	464.93
Membership Engraving	18.72
Newsletter Production & Website Hosting	359.37
Friends Administrative	29.95
Total Expenses	\$ 6,457.48

Funds Available - Yearend 2020	\$ 5,897.32
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*Bookstore closed from 3-14-20 through 12-31-20



Annuncio Especial (Special Announcement)

The Belén Public Library now offers its services in Spanish, with the assistance of bilingual librarian Danny Garcia.

Todos servicios en la biblioteca estan disponibles en espanol gracias a la ayuda de Danny Garcia.

*There are worse crimes than burning books.
One of them is not reading them.*

—JOSEPH BRODSKY

Library *cont'd from page 1*

Staff members are:

Stephanie Wallace, Technical Services Librarian
Connie Ridley, Circulation Manager
Alyssa Aragon, Children's Librarian
Danny Garcia, Teen Librarian
Frances Zeller, Museum Coordinator
Kathy Pickering, Library Director

And a warm welcome to **Summer Ludwig**, the Library's new computer specialist.




Book People

Book people have far too many books.
 Book people do not have nearly enough books.
 Book people never apologize for staying in on Friday night to read.
 Book people may not admit to staying in on Friday night to read.
 Book people covet books without shame.
 Book people share books and thus covet books without shame.
 Book people seek the truth in books.
 Book people seek exquisite artifice in books.
 Book people enter a bookstore and do not emerge for hours.
 Book people on a tight schedule should take care when entering a bookstore.
 Book people love the feel and the heft and the smell of books.
 Book people keep their friends close and their Kindles closer.
 Book people giggle when their favorite authors launch new titles.
 Book people laugh out loud while reading in public places.
 Book people experience malaise when they go too long between book sales.
 Book people experience euphoria when they hear of an upcoming book sale.
 Book people claim they are perfectly normal.
 Book people sometimes wonder if they are entirely normal.
 Book people enter a library and do not emerge for hours.
 Book people on a tight schedule should take care when entering a library.
 Book people can hide from the world in the pages of a book.
 Book people can build bridges to the world with books.



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