

BOOKISH IN BELEN

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Belen Public Library

August 2022

Belen Public Library Programs & Services

The library is fully open.
Face masks are optional.

Hours are
Monday through Saturday
from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To request the public meeting room,
call Stephanie at 505-966-2606.

Computer classes

Tuesdays & Fridays
RSVP to Jessica at 505-966-2602.

Teen Creative Writing Group

Meetings return in September.
Call Danny at 505-966-2603.

Girls Who Code

Saturdays at 10 a.m.
Register with Summer at
505-966-2608.

Children's Programs

LEGO Club (Tuesdays-3:30 p.m.)
Crafty Kids (Wednesdays-11 a.m.)
Afterschool STEM (Thursdays-3:30 p.m.)
Story Time (Fridays-11 a.m.)
Music & Movement (Saturdays-11 a.m.)
Call Summer at 505-966-2608.

Tai Chi

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Belen Readers Book Club

Third Mondays at 10 a.m.

333 Becker Avenue
Belen, New Mexico
505-966-2600
belenpubliclibrary@gmail.com



Dear Reader,

There is a magical place in Belén where you can

- indulge your obsession for books
- handle the merchandise
- let your bookworm flag fly

without store limits on purchase quantities

- breaking the bank
- judgement

and you may discover

- a book that makes you laugh out loud
- a book that would make a perfect gift
- a book that changes your life.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Very truly yours,

- The only dedicated bookstore in Valencia County
- The downtown Belén destination for books, books, and more books
- The nonprofit secondhand bookstore of your dreams

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

Hours: Tuesday thru Friday 12n to 5pm, Saturday 9am to 5pm

Address: 513 Becker Avenue in the Belen Arts District

Phone: 505-785-2835 (during store hours)

Your purchases help fund Library programs and scholarships.

Come find your treasure!

Deborah Graham Memorial Scholarships 2022



Derik D. Chavez
will study Biology at
the University of New Mexico

The Friends of the Belen Public Library is pleased to announce that it has awarded \$1,000 Deborah Graham Memorial Scholarships to two college-bound high school seniors.

Both awardees graduated with honors from Belen High School.

The Scholarships honor the memory of a past Belen Public Library director and are fully funded by the Friends.

Congratulations to both Graham Scholarship recipients and best wishes to them as they follow their passions and their paths.



Annastesia Nichols
will study at UNM-VC and
pursue a career in Filmmaking

Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go.

—T. S. ELIOT

Pre-K Kids in Valencia County Build Home Libraries

As of the end of June 2022, 958 kids under the age of five in Valencia County were signed up for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. That's 22% of all kids under five in the county. Nearly one quarter! For comparison, Bernalillo County has reached 9% participation in the program.

Libros for Kids, the amazing Albuquerque nonprofit that funds the Imagination Library in both counties, says: "Valencia County is doing extremely well at signing up kids!"

The Imagination Library mails a new, quality children's book once a month to each child who is signed up, from birth until they turn five years old. It is FREE and there are NO income requirements.

The end result is a home library of up to 60 children's books for each participating child, which can greatly impact early brain development and kindergarten readiness.

Do you know anyone with an infant or toddler who needs age-appropriate books? Help them get registered by sending them in person to the Belen or Los Lunas libraries or online to:

<https://imaginationlibrary.com/usa/affiliate/NMVALENCIA/>

Note that families who live in northern Socorro County are also eligible for the Imagination Library through Libros for Kids, if they have a library card at the Belen library.

Thank you, Dolly, and thank you to Libros for Kids for bringing books into the homes of more Valencia County kids.

Treasurer's Report - 2021

Merita Wilson

Balance Forward - Yearend 2020	\$ 5,897.32
Income - 2021	
Bookstore Sales*	\$ 7,297.89
Donations & Membership Dues	1,202.65
Graham Scholarships donation	3,000.00
Career Online High School (COHS) Scholarship donations	175.00
Facebook grant for NASA and STEAM educ programs	10,000.00
Archive-It Community Webs grant for community history program	1,100.00
Total Income	\$ 22,775.54
Expenses - 2021	
Library Programs & Books	\$ 1,709.41
Library Administrative	128.89
Graham Scholarships (4 @ \$1000)	4,000.00
COHS Scholarship	1,295.00
Bookstore Supplies & Equipment, including expenses incurred for re-opening (June) and flood (July)	1,402.10
Membership & Annual Meeting	121.18
Becker Avenue Community Event	100.00
Newsletter Production & Website Hosting	173.79
Friends Administrative	15.66
Transfer Facebook and Archive-It grants to Library	11,100.00
Total Expenses	\$ 20,046.03
Funds Available - Yearend 2021	\$ 8,626.83

*Bookstore closed from 1-1-21 through 6-4-21

I have found the most valuable thing in my wallet is my library card.

—LAURA BUSH

Save the Date

Please join us on **Saturday, September 17** from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Books on Becker for the annual meeting and election of officers for the Friends of the Belen Public Library.

You'll have a chance to chat with fellow book lovers and library supporters, browse the bookstore, meet the board members, and learn about volunteer opportunities. Light refreshments and door prizes will be provided.

Books on Becker is at 513 Becker Avenue in Belén, between 5th and 6th Streets. Street parking is available. See you in September!

Book Buzz

The members of the Belen Readers Book Club meet regularly at the Belen Public Library for lively discussion of the books they're reading either as a group or individually.

If you're looking for ideas for *your* next read, consider the following titles recommended by book club members. All are currently in the library's catalog in various formats: hard copy, e-book, and/or audiobook.

FICTION

The Mistress of the Art of Death mystery series by Ariana Franklin, about a young female forensic pathologist in medieval England

The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes, about the reading program initiated by Eleanor Roosevelt that used horse-women to distribute books in the Kentucky mountains

The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett, which follows the lives of twins born in Louisiana, one of whom lives out her black identity while the other "passes" as white

On Deadly Ground by Michael Norman, a mystery about a Forest Service policeman in Kanab, Utah

Lemon Meringue Pie Murder by Joanne Fluke, part of a mystery series about a woman who runs a bake shop

The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles follows friends from a juvenile work farm on a road trip in the 1950s

The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah, about a woman's endurance during the increasing devastation of the Dust Bowl years

Falling by T. J. Newman, a thriller in which an airline pilot is forced to make an impossible choice

At the Water's Edge by Sarah Gruen, about three Philadelphia socialites who, in 1945, decide to search for the Loch Ness monster

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens, a coming-of-age story set in the marshes of North Carolina

The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan, about a Scottish woman who buys a truck and starts her own bookmobile

NONFICTION

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson

Mayordomo, Stanley Crawford's classic about the irrigation ditches of northern New Mexico

Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty by Anderson Cooper

The **Belen Harvey House Museum** will host a celebration of fashion icon Coco Chanel on **Sunday, September 18**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The event will include a fashion show, a documentary film about Chanel, and much more.

For information and to purchase tickets, visit www.harveyhousemuseum.org.

Connect with Us

Bookstore inquiries: shop@booksonbecker.org

Membership inquiries: join@booksonbecker.org

Newsletter & general inquiries: connect@booksonbecker.org

 Visit the Friends' new Facebook page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-the-Belen-Public-Library-102203195889336>

Peruse our newsletter archive at:
www.booksonbecker.org/newsarchive

Friends Board of Directors

Officers

June Romero, President
Jo'l Moore, Vice President
Merita Wilson, Treasurer
Jeane Lederer, Secretary

Chairs

Jo'l Moore, Bookstore
Karen Keese, Communications
Kathleen Pickering, Library Director
Kathy Jaramillo, Scholarships
Laura Sanchez, Book Group
Mary Swenson, Membership
Merita Wilson, Bookstore