



Newsletter of the Friends of the Belen Public Library  
333 Becker Avenue, Belen, NM 87002

# Friends' Focus

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**Who we are:** The Friends of the Belen Public Library is an organization of volunteers dedicated to enhancing the programs and resources of the library. As Friends of the Library members, we lend our voice as library advocates, commit our time as volunteers, and support library programming and services through our financial resources. Friends of the Library members cherish and value our local library and believe the library is an indispensable part of the community.

**What we do:** Two book sales are held each year using the books donated by the public. In addition, the Friends of the Library have a "Book Nook" located in the library for anyone wishing to purchase books at minimal prices.

The library is facing economic challenges this year and we can all help out by donating to the Friends of the Library. The need for library services continues to grow, but the budget is shrinking. The financial support provided to the library by the Friends is crucial and provides funding for many popular programs for children and adults as well as purchasing new books and equipment for the library.

**How can I join?** Membership forms are located on the checkout desk of the library and you may also call Sue Raether at 505-864-3326.

**How can I sign up to be a Friends Volunteer?** Contact Sue Raether, Michele Osburn, or leave your name/phone number with any staff member at the library. We always need help with the book sales - presale sorting, book setup, help on book sale days, and sale take-down. It seems far away now, but the next book sale is coming up in October - we always need more help.

In order to cut the administrative costs of the Friends of the Library, we would like to send out our Newsletter electronically. Please send your email address to Gloria Moralez, 250-3345.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and if you wish to support the library and Friends of the Library, the cost is \$5/person/year; \$8/family/year, and \$100 for a lifetime membership.

## BOOK DONATIONS TO THE FRIENDS

**Where do I take my books for donation?** You can bring them to the library anytime it is open. You can also call Pat and Tom Fritts (861-5365) or Laura and Don Hawes (861-1925) and they will come to you and pick up the books.

**Where do your book donations go?**

- Library collection - If the book is in good condition and meets the library's selection policy, it may be added to the collection.
- Friends' Book Nook - Books that the library chooses not to add to its collection but are in saleable condition are priced by Friends of the Library volunteers and placed in the Book Nook.
- Donated books are also sold twice a year through the Friends of the Library Book Sale.

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## BOOK NOOK

Hard cover and trade soft cover books are \$1.00 and regular paperbacks are 25 cents – what a bargain for great books!!! Books are added weekly. The Book Nook is located outside the lecture hall and is open during library hours.

## “IN MEMORY OF” BOOKS PROGRAM

One of the most sincere ways of honoring someone’s memory or to mark a special occasion is by making a book donation to the library in that person’s name through the Friends’ “In Memory Of” Books Program. Each donated book receives a unique bookplate inscribed with the honoree’s name.

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY FALL BOOK SALE



The Friends biannual fall book sale will be held on October 7, 8 and 9, 2010. We have received many high quality donations since our April sale, which will enable us to continue to price special books and collectibles individually, but still well below bookstore or Internet prices. Books for the general sale will be sorted by categories to help shoppers find subjects of particular interest. **STRONG BACKS** are needed to help set up books before the sale and to store unsold books at the end of the sale. Please call Pat and Tom Fritts at 861-5365 if you want to volunteer.

Considering library funding needs and the good value of books at our sales, the Friends of the Library Board recently voted to increase the price of a bag of books to support needed library projects. The new pricing structure is noted below.

- Thursday, October 7, 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM
  - Open to Friends members only
  - Cost per bag of books will be \$3.00
- Friday, October 8, 10:00 AM – 3 PM
  - Open to the public
  - Cost per bag of books will be \$2.00
- Saturday, October 9, 10:00 AM – 3 PM
  - Open to the public
  - Cost per bag of books will be \$1.00

The book sale will be held in the lecture hall of the Belen Public Library, 333 Becker Avenue. You can

renew and/or sign up for membership in the Friends of the Library at any time during the sales. Membership forms are also available at the library. Cost is \$5/person/year; \$8/family/year, and \$100 for a lifetime membership.

As noted previously in this newsletter, we are **always** looking for donations of books for the sale. Donations can be dropped off at the Belen Public Library, 333 Becker Avenue, Belen, NM. We can also pick up donated books. Please call Tom and Pat Fritts at 861-5365 or Don and Laura Hawes at 861-1925 to arrange for pickup.

## IN MEMORIUM

We were saddened to hear of Lorraine Garcia’s passing. She was a long time supporter of the Belen Public Library and served on the Library Board. Her enthusiasm and love of the library was infectious and she will be greatly missed.

## NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Friday	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Thursday Movies	5:00 PM to 8:00 PM
Saturday	11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Sunday	Closed