



FRIENDS' FOCUS

Newsletter of the Friends of the Belen Public Library
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ANNUAL BOOK SALE NEARS

It's already that time of year: the State Fair, roasting green chiles, the Balloon Fiesta, cool mornings, and the annual book sale put on by the Friends of the Library! This year's sale will be at Belen City Hall on Friday and Saturday, October 19 and 20. On Friday from 2 - 6 PM, members of the Friends of the Library will be treated to a private preview of the sale where they can purchase a bag of books for only \$1 and sample a variety of refreshments. Then Saturday from 9 AM - 2 PM the sale is open to the public. You can renew your membership in the Friends or become a new member at either sale.

The sale requires a great deal of time and effort to plan, set up, and run. YOU can help! How? Buy books at the sale, of course, but also:

- **Donate books!** The Book Sale Committee is accepting donations of almost any kind of book, as well as CDs, DVDs, and videos. Children's books are desperately needed, but Readers Digest Condensed Books and most magazines are not. Just drop your book donations off at the library's "Bookstop" at the Recreation Center at 715 S. Main or arrange for pickup by calling the library at 864-7522 or Laura Hawes, Book Sale Chair, at 861-1925.

- **Pick up the telephone!** Help coordinate volunteers to pick-up donated books; move books to the sale site; and set-up, run, and take down the sale. To find out about this effort, call Laura at 861-1925.

- **Assist with sale set-up!** Help move books from storage at the Belen Consolidated Schools Support Services area on North Main to City Hall downtown, sort the books, and arrange them on tables. Call Laura at 861-1925.

- **Provide refreshments!** Refreshments of any kind are welcomed. To donate, call Barbara Guenley, Refreshments Chair, at 861-2219.

- **Assist with sale take-down!** Post-sale, any remaining books must be boxed and transported back to storage. Also, City Hall must be returned to its pre-sale state. Call Laura at 861-1925.

Much of the proceeds of the sale go toward children's reading programs. This summer more than 250 young people participated in the programs which included daily incentive prizes, performers such as clowns, a flea circus, and a magician, and end-of-program parties.

Special thanks go to Laura Hawes, Book Sale Chair, and her husband Don, for coordinating the sale for the second year. Also, thanks to Sally Garley, Belen City Manager, and Mayor Ronnie Torres for the use of City Hall during library construction.

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Belen Friends of the Library

BOOK SALE



All books a buck a bag!

Friday, October 19

2-6 pm

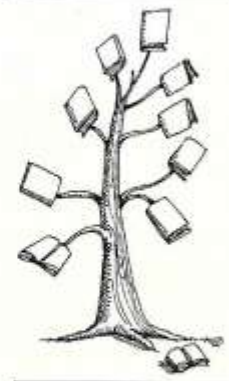
Members of the Friends only.

Saturday, October 20

9 am - 2 pm

Open to the public.

Located at City Hall
Downtown Belen (Becker & Main)

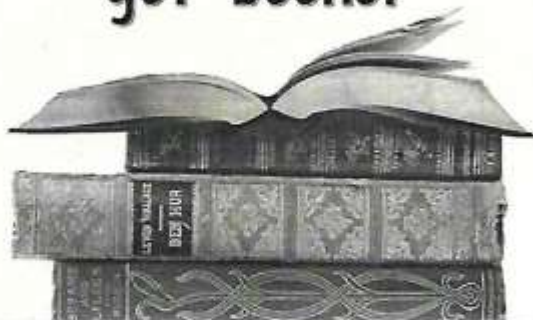


Our Mission

The Friends of the Library supports libraries, learning, and the promotion of reading.

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got books?



THE FRIENDS OF THE BELEN PUBLIC LIBRARY IS ACCEPTING BOOKS FOR ITS ANNUAL BOOK SALE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 19 AND 20. CHILDREN'S BOOKS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED.

CALL NOW TO ARRANGE YOUR DONATION:
LAURA - (505) 861-1925
LIBRARY - (505) 864-7522

PROCEEDS BENEFIT CHILDREN'S READING PROGRAMS.



Library construction is nearing completion! For lots of eye-popping color photos of this beautiful new facility, go to www.belenfriends.org or <http://www.flickr.com/photos/belenpubliclibrary/>.

SPECIAL NEWS FOR MEMBERS

Welcome, new members! Thanks for joining us!

BMS Librarian
Sue Ann James
Ed & Dubra Padilla
Nicole Galvan
Jordan Lopez
Pamela Haney
Patti Wright
Janice Barcla

Suzanne Macias
Jennifer Jaramillo
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Friends of the Library Week is Oct. 21-27

Friends of Libraries U.S.A. is sponsoring the second annual national Friends of Libraries week October 21-27. The Belen Friends of the Library is an active and dedicated group that is very proud of the library and its tireless staff and works hard to "support libraries, learning, and the promotion of reading." Many volunteers serve on the Board, work at the annual book sale, volunteer at the library, or otherwise contribute time and expertise to enhance library services. Call Bernice Boyle, Friends Secretary, to find out how to join and support this outstanding group. Or complete the form on the back page of this newsletter.

Visit the Friends Website

The Friends of the Library maintains a Website at www.belenfriends.org. Two of its goals are to contain timely information about library construction and renovation and updates on the Belen Readers' Group. Provide comments, suggestions, photos, or other input via the "Comments" link on the site. Thanks to Blue Skies Consulting (864-3700) for this service.

Membership Renewal Notice

Check the date shown on your address label on page 4. If the date has passed, please continue your support of the Friends by renewing your membership.

READERS' GROUP STILL GOING STRONG!

Have you always wondered what a book group is all about? Do you think reading a book and discussing it with others would help you get more out of your precious reading time? Join the Friends of the Library Readers' Group! It meets regularly on the last Monday of each month at 10 AM, and for now meets in the conference room at the Belen Recreation Center at 715 S. Main. Everyone is welcome; membership in the Friends is not required.

For the October 29 meeting, members can read the scary story of their choice. The book selection for November 26 is *Reading Like a Writer* by Francine Prose. And the December meeting features *The Devil in White City* by Eric Larson. For a list of upcoming selections, or to see a list of what the group has read since its inception in July 2004, go to www.belenfriends.org. For more information about the Group, call June, the group's facilitator, at 864-1825.

Thoughts from Your President

by Pat Boyle, President of the Belen Friends of the Library

A dedicated group of Friends volunteers had a busy summer at the **Belen Farmers Market**. Over four Fridays throughout the summer, the group earned over \$120 for the library's children programs and, most importantly, educated the public about the library, its services, and its renovation and construction. A big THANK YOU to George and Bernice Boyle, Donna Hernandez, Karen O'Kain, Susan Dubiel, Tami Wiggins, Jennifer Garrett, Sue Raether, and Dorie Carrao.

The **new library** is almost completed! You can find out more about library construction and renovation at www.belenfriends.org and <http://www.flickr.com/photos/belenpubliclibrary/>, but let me assure you it is absolutely beautiful. It is certainly a library to be proud of and a place everyone will enjoy. You, as a member of the Friends of the Library, played a large part in making it happen by attending city council meetings, writing letters to legislators, raising funds, and volunteering in many ways. Beverly McFarland, the library director, says she will need Friends volunteers at the "Bookstop" on S. Main to help the staff pack books and take down shelving the first part of November. The Friends will also assist the library staff in hosting an open house to show off the new library, though the date has not yet been set. If you would like to volunteer to help with these efforts, call Bernice Boyle (861-2032) or me (861-7067).

And don't forget the October **book sale**! This is the Friends' big event, with proceeds going to support the library's children programs. Look for more information about the book sale on the front page of this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you all at the sale!



Dorie Carrao and Donna Hernandez help at the Farmers Market (above), and shelving has been returned to the Children's Library (below).



Volunteer Opportunities Abound

Your Friends of the Library group is always looking for volunteers! Can you help for even an hour?

Book Sale: The Friends annual book sale requires volunteers between now and the sale on October 19 and 20. (See page 1 for details.) If you can assist, call Laura (861-1925) or Donna (861-1285).

Move Back into the New Library: Friends volunteers are needed to help pack up the "Bookstop" on S. Main and provide assistance to the library staff there and at the new facility as needed. If you can help sometime in the beginning of November (exact dates to be determined), contact Pat (861-7067) or Bernice (861-2032).

New Library Open House: This big event will

be hosted by the library staff and the Friends. Volunteers are needed to provide refreshments, help set up for the event, greet visitors and patrons, and clean up afterward. The date for the open house will be determined soon. Call Pat (861-7067) or Tami (864-3700) to help.

Keep America Beautiful – Belen Library: The Friends has "adopted" the area around the library as part of the Keep America Beautiful campaign to pick up litter. The beautiful new building will soon be completed, and we want keep the whole library campus neat and inviting. If you have an hour to spare for litter patrol, call Pat (861-7067). Gloves and trash bags will be provided. And if you see litter while you are at the library, please pick it up!



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LOOK! →
 Has the date on your address label passed? Please renew your membership using the form below!

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION FORM

If you believe in libraries, learning, and the promotion of reading, this multi-purpose form is for you! (1) Join the Friends of the Belen Public Library. Your membership entitles you to attend the preview of the annual Book Sale, receive the Friends' quarterly newsletter, and much more! (2) Are you a current member? Use this form to renew your membership. (3) Or donate to the building fund for the library's renovation and expansion!

_____ New Member _____ Renewal _____ Today's date

NAME _____ PHONE NUMBER _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Please check a Membership category and/or indicate the amount of your donation to the building fund:

_____ Individual (\$5) _____ Patron (\$25) _____ Amount of building fund donation
 _____ Family (\$8) _____ Lifetime (\$100)

We need you! Please volunteer some time and energy to serve on a committee!

_____ Refreshments _____ Program
 _____ Book Sale _____ Publicity

Mail your completed form along with a check made out to **Friends of the Library** to 333 Becker Avenue, Belen, NM, 87002. Or on your next visit to the Library, drop off your check and form at the front desk.