

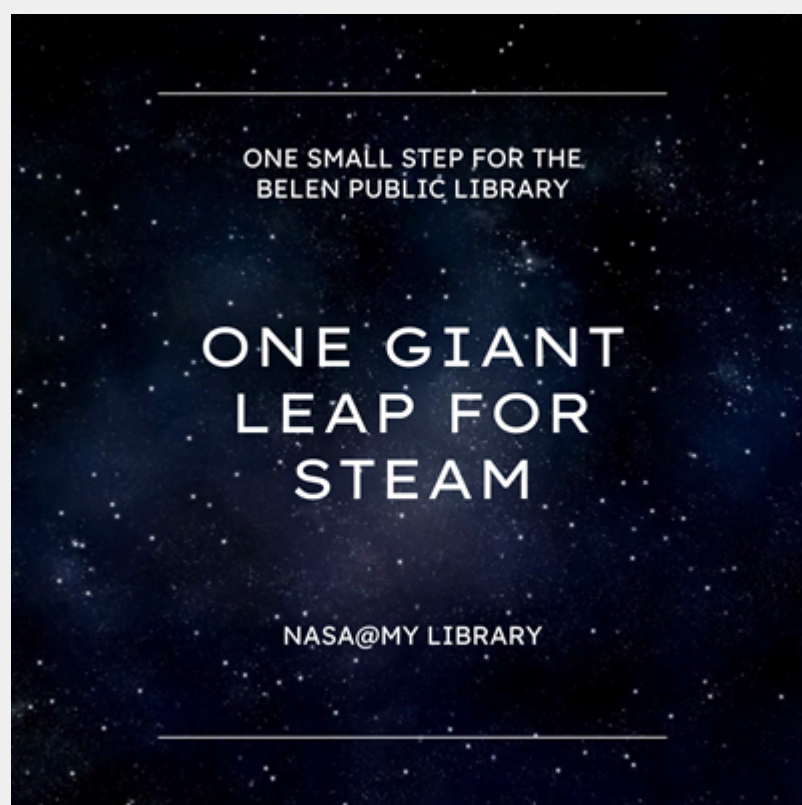


# Belen Public Library Monthly Newsletter

October 2021: 3rd Edition

We are well and truly into the fall season and at the Library we are very busy getting ready for all that is ahead in every programming department. We are excited to share with you our special events, classes, activities, resources, and newly arrived items for checkout.

The last few weeks have been an 'out of this world' adventure and we are looking forward to all that is to come in the next several months. We hope you will join us!



# We've Been Selected for National NASA@ My Library STEAM Programming Initiative!

The Belen Public Library has been selected through a nationally competitive application process to be part of [NASA@ My Library](#), an education initiative created to increase and enhance STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) learning opportunities for library patrons throughout the nation, including geographic areas and populations currently underrepresented in STEAM education.

“Belen Public Library is one of just 60 libraries nationwide to be part of this initiative, and we’re thrilled to have been selected,” said Kathleen Pickering, the library’s Director. “We look forward to introducing STEAM concepts to our younger patrons and to exploring the universe together with people of all ages during our public programs in 2021 and 2022.”

As a NASA@ My Library partner, the Belen Public Library will hold public programs that explore National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) science and technology, specifically around NASA’s newest next-generation telescope launch (fall 2021), the first telescope images (spring 2022), and as part of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (summer 2022). More information, including a program schedule, will be available in the coming months here at our website.

As part of this initiative, the Belen Public Library will receive training and resources to implement NASA events and programming, access to a university Subject Matter Expert (SME) to support patron engagement, and \$1,600 for programming expenses. [Facebook](#) pledged an additional \$10,000 to enhance and expand STEAM programming at the Belen Public Library in conjunction with NASA@ My Library.

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# Strange

Fiction Magazine

Announcing the new young adult fiction magazine published in house by the Belen Public Library! The goal of this publication is to inspire our young patrons of the library to share their stories for all to read and enjoy, as well as develop their writing and story telling skills to become future authors.

The stories in this magazine will vary from all genres and writing levels. Some stories will be prompted but most of them will be from the creative minds of our writers!

If you or a family member is of the ages 12 thru 18 and wish to submit stories; send an email or call us to get your story in the magazine.

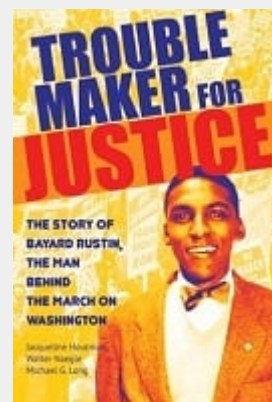
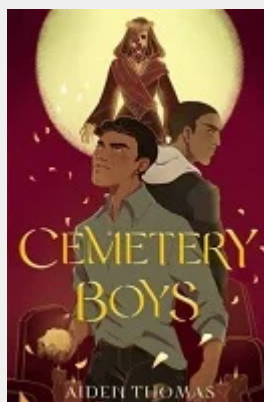
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When available, the magazines will be displayed at the front of the library as you walk in. So keep an eye out for the magazine in the coming weeks!

Email Danny Garcia

## New Arrivals in Youth



[Pet](#) by Akwaeke Emezi. In a near-future society that claims to have gotten rid of all monstrous people, a creature emerges from a painting seventeen-year-old Jam's mother created, a hunter from another world seeking a real-life monster.

[Cemetery Boys](#) by Aiden Thomas. A trans boy determined to prove his gender to his traditional Latinx family summons a ghost who refuses to leave in Aiden Thomas's *New York Times*-bestselling paranormal YA debut *Cemetery Boys*, described by *Entertainment Weekly* as "groundbreaking."

*Yadriel has summoned a ghost, and now he can't get rid of him.*

When his traditional Latinx family has problems accepting his true gender, Yadriel becomes determined to prove himself a real brujo. With the help of his cousin and best friend Maritza, he performs the ritual himself, and then sets out to find the ghost of his murdered cousin and set it free.

However, the ghost he summons is actually Julian Diaz, the school's resident bad boy, and Julian is not about to go quietly into death. He's determined to find out what happened and tie off some loose ends before he leaves. Left with no choice, Yadriel agrees to help Julian, so that they can both get what they want. But the longer Yadriel spends with Julian, the less he wants to let him leave.

[Trouble Make for Justice: the story of Bayard Rustin, the man behind the March on Washington](#) by Jaqueline Houtman, Walter Naegle, and Michael G. Long.

Chosen a Best Children's Book of the Year by the Bank Street Center!

Voted a Best Book of the Year by School Library Journal and Kirkus Reviews!

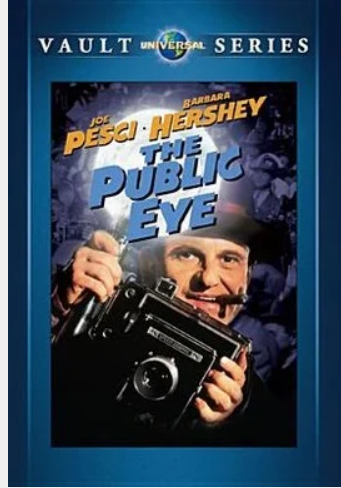
A biography for younger readers about one of the most influential activists of our time, who was an early advocate for African Americans and for gay rights.

"Bayard had an unshakable optimism, nerves of steel, and, most importantly, a faith that if the cause is just and people are organized, nothing can stand in our way."--President Barack Obama

"Bayard Rustin was one of the great organizers and activists of the Civil Rights Movement. Without his skill and vision, the historic impact of the March on Washington might not have been possible. I am glad this biography will make young people aware of his life and his incredible contribution to American history."--Congressman John Lewis

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## New Arrivals in DVDs



## Belen Public Library Staff Highlight

### Connie Ridley - Circulation Manager Extraordinaire

If you have ever called into the Library or visited us then chances are you have met or spoken with our Circulation Manager, Connie Ridley. In addition to Circulation Manager, Connie also is the liaison for the Belen Book Club.

Connie has been with the Belen Public Library going on 7 years. In that time she has become an expert on our patrons, the books they love, and how to keep the Library operating smoothly.

To get to know Connie a little better I asked her co-workers to give us some inside information and also asked some questions of Connie, herself.

Connie is a lover of the outdoors, the color orange, and is an awesome fisher-woman. She enjoys drawing, has a Bachelor's degree in English Literature with a minor in Creative Writing, and she is Notary.

Connie knows the Library inside and out and is always willing to lend a hand to her co-workers and to our patrons. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated person manning the helm at the Circulation Desk!

Q: What is your favorite thing about working at the Library?

A: "Working with the patrons and getting a chance to talk with them and show them

books and authors they didn't know about that I know they'll enjoy."

Q: What is your favorite book?

A: "This is a hard one, I don't really have a favorite book. I'd say the books that I have read the most, numerous times are the Chronicles of Narnia series."

Q: If you weren't working at the Library and could be doing anything you wanted, what would you be doing?

A: I would like to be a nature photographer, traveling and taking pictures of different animals.

Thank you, Connie!

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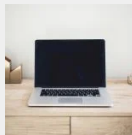
## Upcoming Computer Classes

Adult computer classes continue to be held at the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10am. Below are the scheduled classes. If you would like to register for the classes you can call Summer at [505-966-2600](tel:505-966-2600) or contact her by [email](#).



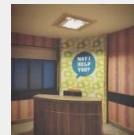
### Microsoft Office

This is a 6 week course covering Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and will be on Tuesdays starting on Oct. 19th.



### Computer Basics

For those brand new to computers, this is a 5 week course covering the basics. It will be on Thursdays beginning Oct. 28th.



### Individual Assistance

If you would like individual assistance with using a computer or a certain program you can contact Summer at [505-966-2600](tel:505-966-2600) or by [email](#).

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## Mometrix - Test Prep for All Ages

At the Belen Public Library we are always excited to tell you about the FREE resources we can offer to our patrons. One of our very favorites is Mometrix.

Mometrix is full of study tools for hundreds of exams. Of course, there is an entire section on tests for K-12 and it is chock-full of strategies, workbooks, flashcards, and videos to



help students study for state assessments, Common Core tests, ACT Aspire tests, and more.

However; that is just the beginning. For adults, Mometrix has an exhaustive collection of test-prep resources for professional assessments in a wide-variety of fields.

- Business
- Counseling & Social Work
- Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate
- Medical Technology
- Nutrition
- Public Service & Legal
- Construction & Industry
- Medical Professional
- Nursing
- Personal Fitness
- Teaching

If you are in an industry that requires an exam for certification or licensure, there's a very good chance that Mometrix has study resources for you.

There are also study guides for:

- College Admission and Placement
- English Language
- Graduate and Professional School

Mometrix is truly an amazing resource for anyone who needs to study for a test.

You can access Mometrix from [our catalog](#) and it is free for you to access with [your library card](#)!

Visit Mometrix Now

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## Upcoming Events

We are so happy that this year more events can be held in person! We hope that you are able to join us as we celebrate some of our annual events with just a bit more (or a LOT more) excitement than usual now that we can see each other again!

You can always check out the [Belen Public Library's webpage](#) for upcoming events and programs, our calendar is at the bottom.

For this issue of the newsletter we are highlighting the Scarecrow Festival on October 30th, the Trunk or Treat on October 31st, and the Miracle on Main

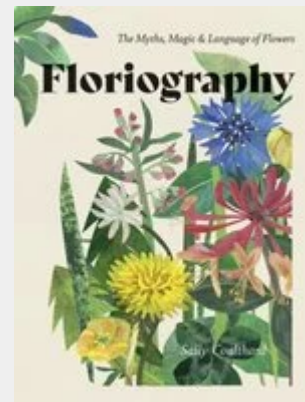
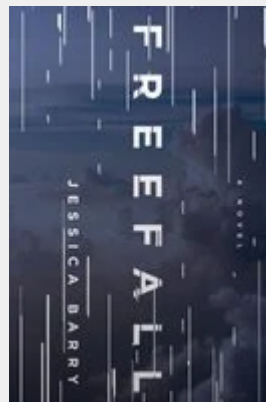
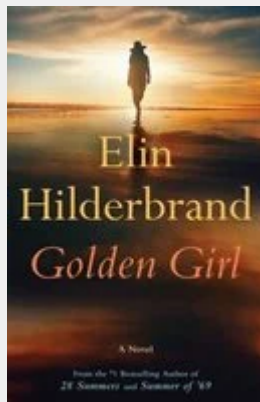
Street Parade on November 27th.

The Belen Public Library will be hosting a Student Art Show during the Scarecrow Festival on Saturday October 30th and handing out treats to any early trick or treaters that may come by!

Don't forget that we are open on Saturdays from 10am - 5pm every week!



## New Arrivals This Month



[Golden Girl](#) by Erin Hilderbrand is a #1 bestselling page-turner from "the queen of beach reads" (*New York Magazine*), a Nantucket novelist has one final summer to protect her secrets while her loved ones on earth learn to live without their golden girl.

On a perfect June day, Vivian Howe, author of thirteen beach novels and mother of three nearly grown children, is killed in a hit-and-run car accident while jogging near her home on Nantucket. She ascends to the Beyond where she's assigned to a Person named Martha, who allows Vivi to watch what happens below for one last summer.



With all of Elin's trademark beach scenes, mouth-watering meals, and picture-perfect homes, plus a heartfelt message--the people we lose never really leave us--*Golden Girl* is a beach book unlike any other.

[Freefall](#) by Jessica Barry. They say your daughter is dead. You know they're wrong. When her fiancé's private plane crashes in the Colorado Rockies, everyone assumes Allison Carpenter is dead.

But Maggie, Allison's mother back home in Owl Creek, Maine, refuses to believe them. Maggie knows her daughter - or she used to, anyway. For the past two years, the two women have been estranged, and while Maggie doesn't know anything about Ally's life now - not even why she was on a private plane to begin with - she still believes in her girl's strength, and in their love for each other.

[Floriography](#) by Sally Coulthard. Flowers can talk. Red roses say 'I love you', white lilies offer condolence and poppies invite us to remember. For thousands of years, humans have used flowers as a language, a short-hand for emotions and meanings.

In her new book, Sally Coulthard, takes a fascinating look at floriography and shows how we still use this secret language across the world. She delves into the meanings of flowers and where they came from, whether it's ancient mythology or hedgerow folklore.

Covering 50 well-loved flowers and plants, from peonies to sweetpeas, ivy to irises, Floriography is a beautifully illustrated guide that will take the reader on an intriguing journey through the history, legend, anthropology and literature of flowers, showing how modern-day society still relies on the meaning of flowers. From the Chinese lotus flower to the Celtic bluebell, the myth, magic and language of flowers is still blossoming today.

### How the Library Contributes to the Community

<b>\$18,335.44</b> Amount saved by using the Library in Sept. 2021	<b>\$122,128.00</b> Amount saved by using the Library year to date.	<b>5,548</b> The number of active library card holders.	<b>10,704</b> The number of materials checked out year to date.
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## Thank you!

We hoped that you enjoyed our newsletter! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to seeing you in-person at the Library or assisting you with our online offerings and curbside pickup.

~ The staff of the Belen Public Library

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