



Belen Public Library Monthly Newsletter

September 2021: 2nd Edition

Despite the heat, fall is officially here! While you wait for those cooler temps to finally make their way to us why not come down to the Library and chill out with a good book?

Our hours are Monday - Saturday from 10am - 5pm.

We are excited to be open and welcoming our Patrons to the library! Come visit us and take advantage of all of the resources the Library has to offer. Our Children's and Teen rooms are open, we have public computers, printing, free in-person computer training, job readiness and job search assistance, and bilingual assistance.

Of course, if you can't make it in to see us, our online services are always available and more robust than ever! [Check out our website](#) for all of our online resources.



This coming Saturday is the Rio Abajo festival! It's held on Becker Street in downtown Belen from 10am - 10pm. There will be live bands, food trucks, a beer & wine garden, a car show, cornhole, free-entry dance contests, and of course lots of art.

The Belen Public Library is hosting a Student Art Show from 10am - 5pm so please make sure that you stop by during the festivities and support our local youth!

[Click for More Info on the Rio Abajo Festival!](#)

Story Time is Back!

We asked and parents have spoken! After completing a survey of our Children's programming parents, Miss Alyssa, is bringing in-person Story Time back to the Library! We have all missed having everyone come in for Story Time, especially Miss Alyssa.

Story Time will begin on Wednesday, September 22 at 2pm. It will be outside on our patio, socially distanced for safety but masks will not be required.*

*To comply with state and city Covid-safe requirements, all patrons must wear masks when inside the Library building.
Thank you!

New Arrivals in the Children's Library



The Secret Door to Azeuar - Gregoria G Baca

Josea loved his father's fantastical stories but he didn't know that he and his friends would one day find that they would come true!



Dreamers - Yuyi Morales

An illustrated picture book autobiography in which the author tells her own immigration story.



Rez Dogs - Joseph Bruchac

A novel about a Wabanaki girl's quarantine on her grandparents' reservation and the local dog that becomes her best friend.



Coming Soon: Makerspace



At the Belen Public Library we are always looking for new ways to provide resources to the community. We have been working behind the scenes for awhile now to bring you something that we think will be very beneficial and; honestly, really fun.

Miss Alyssa has taken the reigns on this project and has gathered almost everything that we need to launch our very own Makerspace! We are now putting on the finishing touches so we can open it to the community.

What is a Makerspace?

A Makerspace is a place where people can come together for collaborative learning. The Makerspace itself is the physical location, tools, and some guidance, usually in the form of workshops or lessons on the tools and technologies available.

The magic of the Makerspace is the networking, creative problem-solving, inventing, and hands-on learning that happens.

It's a wonderful location for a small business to learn the basics of graphic design, for example, so that they can more effectively use their social media for advertising.

Some of the items that will be available for public use are.

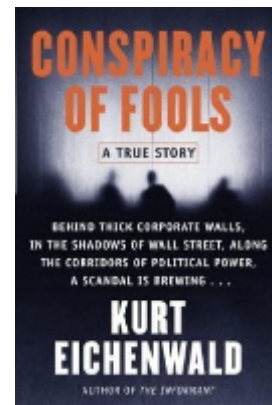
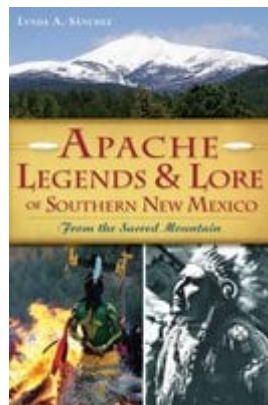
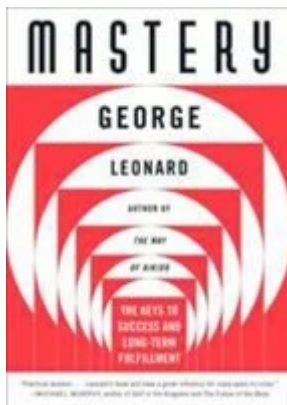
- * Filming equipment (camera, green screen, lights)
- * Film Editing Software
- * Computer Animation Software
- * Graphic Design Software
- * Cricut machine
- * 3D printer
- * Podcast Equipment

- * Button Maker
- * Legos
- * Origami Supplies
- * Crochet/Sewing/Knitting Supplies
- * Magnetic building sticks
- * Various Crafting Materials

As you can see, these materials are wonderful for a wide variety of people. We are sure that our Makerspace will be able to cater to many segments of our communities. We are really thrilled about the possibilities of working with our small businesses, especially as we are emerging from the pandemic.

The Makerspace will also be wonderful for crafters, students, artists, and anyone interested in digital design, marketing, podcasting, and so much more! Be on the lookout for our upcoming announcement!

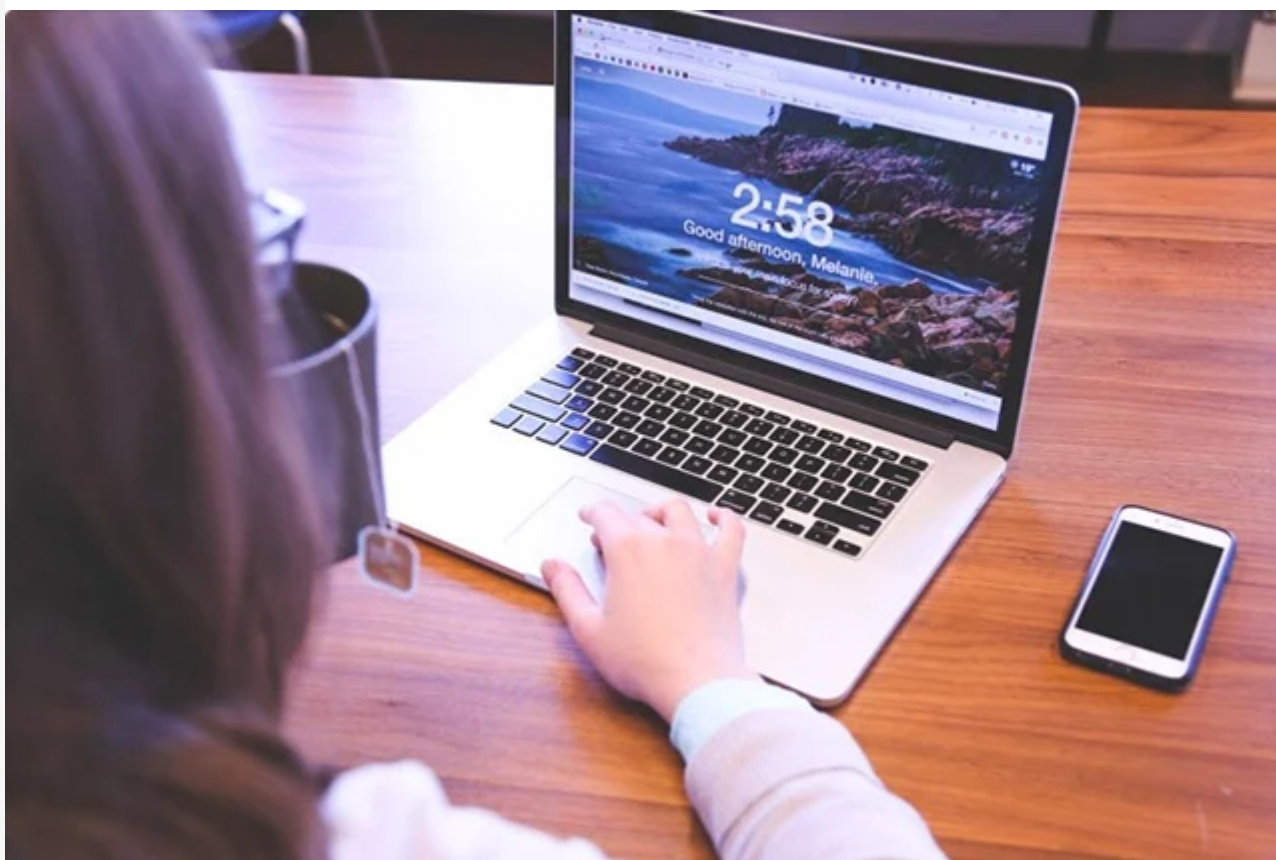
Titles Added in the Last Month



[Mastery: The Keys to Success and Long-term Fulfillment](#) by George Leonard draws on Zen philosophy and his expertise in the martial art of aikido. He shows how the process of mastery can help us attain a higher level of excellence and a deeper sense of satisfaction and fulfillment in our daily lives.

[Apache Legends & Lore of Southern New Mexico: From the Sacred Mountain](#) by Lynda A. Sanchez. Storytelling has been a vital and vivid tradition in Apache life. Coyote tales, the creation legend and stories of historic battles with Comanche and Anglo intruders create a colorful mosaic of tribal heritage. Percy Bigmouth, a prominent oral historian of the Mescalero and Lipan Apache tribes, realized in the early twentieth century that the old ways were waning. He wrote in longhand what he had learned from his father, Scout Bigmouth, a prison camp survivor at Fort Sumner and participant in the turbulent Apache wars. Join author Lynda Sanchez as she brings to light the ancient legends and lore of the Apaches living in the shadow of Mescalero's Sacred Mountain. Seventy-five years in the making, this collection is a loving tribute to a way of life nearly lost to history.

[Conspiracy of Fools: A True Story](#) by Kurt Eichenwald. In a study of the Enron scandal, the author goes behind the scenes to profile the players and expose business practices involved in the financial and political debacle that had profound impact on both Washington and Wall Street.



Introducing New Resources!

Did you know that with your Belen Public Library Card you have access to so much more than just books? That's right! With your card you can open up a world of possibilities, at no cost to you! We've even added more resources for our Patrons that you can access right [from our website](#).

[Transparent Language Online](#) - Learn over 100 languages (including English as a second language) through listening, speaking, reading, and writing activities. Mobile apps are available too!

[Kanopy](#) - Kanopy showcases more than 30,000 titles, including award-winning documentaries and acclaimed films, rare and hard-to-find titles, and classic films.

[El Portal](#) - Need help with your homework? El Portal is a collection of databases that provide free 24/7 access to resources such as newspapers, magazine and journal articles, and books such as encyclopedias. Materials are available for all age ranges and interests.

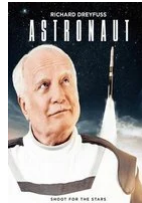
In addition to these newer resources, we have so many more that can help you with school, job readiness and job search, test preparation, and a plethora of research materials for a wide variety of interests! Make sure that you take a peek at everything we offer!

New Arrivals in DVDs



Angel Has Fallen

When there is an assassination attempt on U.S. President Allan Trumbull (Morgan Freeman), his trusted confidant, Secret Service Agent Mike Banning (Gerard Butler), is wrongfully accused and taken into custody. After escaping from capture, he becomes a man on the run and must evade his own agency and outsmart the FBI in order to find the real threat to the President. Desperate to uncover the truth, Banning turns to unlikely allies to help clear his name, keep his family from harm and save the country from imminent danger.



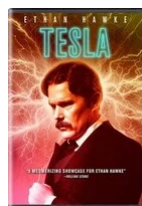
Astronaut

A lonely widower battles his family, ill health and time to win a competition for a golden ticket to space. Starring Richard Dreyfuss and Colm Feore, and directed by Shelagh McLeod.



Dean Martin & Jerry Lewis 8 Movie Collection

The legendary duo of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis made 17 crowd-pleasing films together during their early Hollywood careers. From their debut in the 1949 fun-fest *My Friend Irma* to their last in 1956, one thing is for sure, Martin and Lewis continually kept audiences in stitches. This package collects eight of their earlier side-splitting, high jinks-filled, buddy comedies for all to enjoy. Take a trip back in time when a skinny slapstick comedian and a handsome



Tesla

Brilliant, visionary Nikola Tesla (Ethan Hawke) fights an uphill battle to bring his revolutionary electrical system to fruition, then faces thornier challenges with his new system for worldwide wireless energy. The film tracks Tesla's uneasy interactions with his fellow inventor Thomas Edison (Kyle MacLachlan) and his patron George Westinghouse (Jim Gaffigan). Another thread traces Tesla's sidwinding courtship of financial titan J.P. Morgan (Donnie Keshawarz), whose daughter Anne (Eve Hewson) takes a more than casual

crooner could have this much fun together.

interest in the inventor. Anne analyzes and presents the story as it unfolds, offering a distinctly modern voice to this scientific period drama which, like its subject, defies convention.

Coming Soon From Our Talented Teens

Our Teen Creative Writing program, led by Danny Garcia, has been hard at work putting together a special project. We don't want to give too much away but it's very exciting! Stay alert for an upcoming announcement!

For more information about Teen programming, including the Creative Writing program click below to contact Danny.

Email Danny

By the Numbers

How the Library Contributes to the community			
\$20,218.03 Amount saved by using the library for Aug. 2021	\$107,133.38 Amount saved by using the library year to date	5,800 The number of active library card holders	9,655 The number of materials checked out year to date

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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