

Flood Recovery

We are using Library general funds to do repairs to the Roswell Public Library, with the expectation that when insurance funds are available the library accounts will be reimbursed. We are having the City Facilities crew replace insulation and drywall. We will then have a local vendor install new flooring in the Bondurant Room and another local vendor do painting throughout the library.

We withdrew 50 items, valued as \$785.42, from the library collection due to water damage that happened within the library and 89 items, valued as \$1,430.75 that were damaged at the homes of people that borrowed the items from the library.

Accomplishments

Building Improvements

Plumbing: Various leaks in the public restrooms have been fixed and the pipes in the Bondurant Room kitchen have been wrapped.

Service Improvements

Technology: We have been given five more laptops (for a total of 10 laptops) to use for training the public as part of the Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell Project C-3PO: Increasing Internet Services to Chaves County. On January 21, 2025 we will host a laptop distribution event at the library with Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell.

Play and Learn Area: We are working with the Engineering Department and the Finance Department to create a RFQ or Request for Quote for the outdoor early childhood play and learn area. The plan is to obtain engineer design plans for the project in this fiscal year and, if time permits, purchase some of the items. Then break ground for the project in fiscal year 2026.

Programs

Yuletide Festival: More than 260 people attended a Grinchy Yuletide Festival on Saturday, December 21. There was craft, music, storytelling, STEM activity, cookie decorating, cupcake wars, and each child selected a free book to take home. Councilor Juliana Halverson created a personal video clip that was featured on the Library Facebook page.

Katelyn Turner, Roswell Public Library STEM Instructor, is taking part in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX) Ambassador's program. Turner is one of thirteen people nationwide participating in this program. The STEM activity featured at the Yuletide Festival was created as part of the PLIX Ambassador's Program. The activity was using paper circuits to depict the Grinch's small heart growing three sizes in one day. The MIT Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX) is a program in PK-12 at MIT Open Learning that develops learning experiences for the public library setting based on MIT research. PLIX aims to address equity in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) by building public library professionals' confidence to offer high quality learning experiences to populations that would not otherwise have access to them. PLIX activities were co-designed by library professionals, MIT researchers, and PLIX learning designers using a framework of creative learning pedagogy grown out of the MIT Media Lab.

Noon Year's Eve Celebration: 224 people welcomed in the new year early at the Library on December 31. The festive event began at 11 am with a scavenger hunt, cookie decorating, craft, music, popcorn, pizza and concluded with a balloon drop at 12:00 noon. The program was funded by the Friends of the Library.

Funds

Library Grants-In-Aid: The library received \$5,143.54 in New Mexico State Library Grants-In-Aid. This is the first of two payments from the state to improve library services in Roswell. The second payment of \$5,143.54 is expected to be deposited in the City of Roswell account by the end of January.

E-rate: The Library received \$5,184.00 from E-rate fund as reimbursement for internet services provided in FY2024.

Local Donation: Altrusa International Foundation in Roswell replaced six books that were damaged in the flood and provided \$300 for the Be a Super Reader Program.

Plans for January-February

- Complete repairs to the library caused by the flood.
- Submit a Request for Quote for the architectural plans for the outside early childhood play and learn area.
- Finalize performers for the Summer Reading Program.