

THE LIBRARY BUILDS STRONG COMMUNITY

The Roswell Public Library helps to build a strong community as it provides everyone access to information and education regardless of socioeconomic status or location. The Library offers knowledge and entertainment through books, magazines, and DVDs, free programs, access to the internet, materials for lifelong learning, and other resources that would otherwise be difficult to find or afford. The Library provides a place to study and connect.

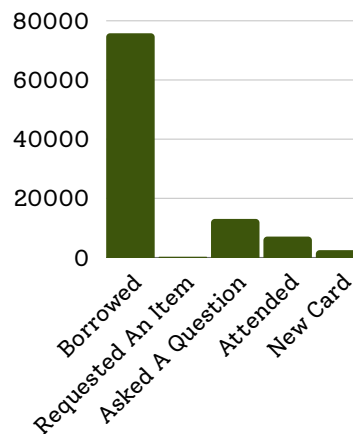


LIBRARIES = STRONG COMMUNITIES

LIBRARIES ARE IMPORTANT FOR EDUCATION

72,917 Visitors

- Borrowed 75,793 Items
- Requested 241 Items from another Library
- Asked 13,024 Reference Questions
- 7,056 attended Programs
- 2,466 Applied for a Library Card

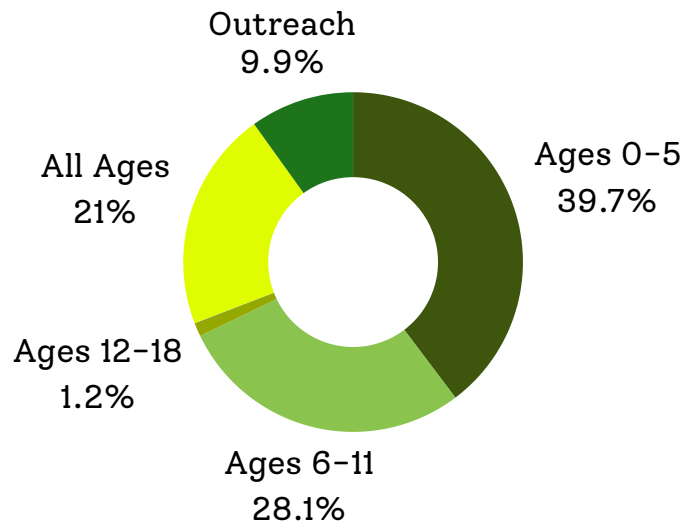


Raise a Super Reader encourages children to have 1,000 books read to them before entering Kindergarten. Program sponsored by Roswell Elk Lodge #969

LIBRARIES PROVIDE A PLACE TO LEARN NEW THINGS

300 programs were offered in 2024.

- 299 were held in the Library.
 - 3,103 attended the 164 programs for ages 0-5
 - 2,198 attended the 107 programs for ages 6-11
 - 95 attended the 6 programs for ages 12-18
 - 5 Adults attended the 4 programs for adults
 - 1639 attended 19 programs for all ages
- 3 programs were not at the Library and attended by 774 people.



Program Attendance

LIBRARIES PROMOTE LITERACY

Summer Reading Program

506 children, teens and adults participated in 2024

- 2998 activity were completed
- 1555 badges were earned

Year Round Reading Program

- 77 new young children enjoyed 6,034 books
- 108 new school age children read 2,795

Reading programs are done at home and are not counted with the program statistics.

SPECIAL THANKS

Roswell Library Foundation
and the Friends of the
Library,
for providing funds
for
Library Programs

Thank You

LIBRARIES PROVIDE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

235,182 Facebook Reach

- 6,833 Facebook Interactions
- 369 Facebook Posts
- 20,977 Facebooks Visits
- 76,975 Facebook Views

<https://www.facebook.com/Roswell Public Library/>

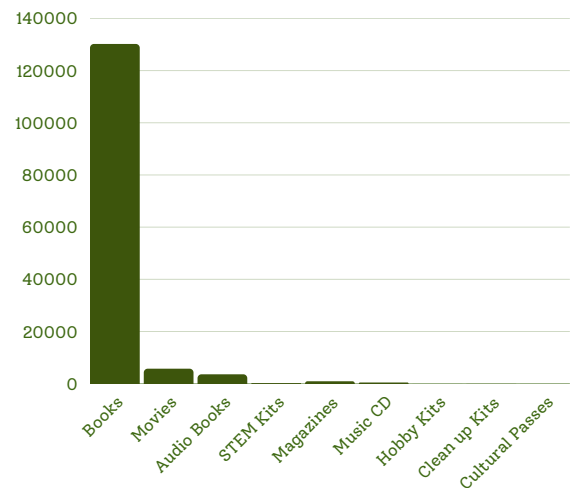


Día de los Muertos

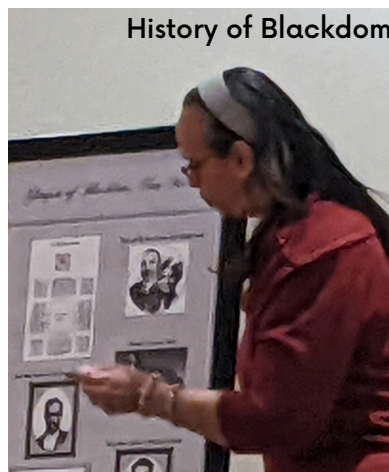
LIBRARIES OFFER A VARIETY OF RESOURCES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE

The Roswell Public Library owns
136,343 items which include:

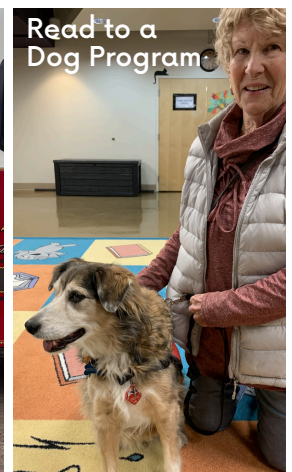
- 130,205 Books
- 5,753 Movies
- 3,600 Audio Books
- 931 Magazines
- 461 Music CDs
- 227 STEM Kits
- 10 Hobby Kits
- 20 Keep Roswell Beautiful Clean-up Kits
- 10 Cultural Passes



Play and Learn



Touch a Truck



Read to a Dog Program

MONTH BY MONTH

January

- Awarded \$3,500 from the New Mexico Library Foundation to implement a STEM Project.
- Created a Roswell Room to house materials relating to Roswell.

February

- 105 people enjoyed a Winnie the Pooh and Friends and left with smiles and laughter
- Created, with the New Mexico Parks Department, Nature Backpacks.

March

- Touch a Truck Program was enjoyed by 306 children and adults
- The Spanish collection was moved and expanded.
- Scanned City Directories (1918-1970) and placed on-line roswell-nm.historyarchives.online/home

April

- The Day of the Child and Day of the Book was celebrated by 106 children and adults
- The Strategic Plan was submitted to the New Mexico State Library.
- A new sound system and projector system were installed in the Bondurant Room
- The Tree of Knowledge was cleaned.

May

- A sound system was installed in the Bondurant Room.
- With a grant from the Academy of Model Aeronautics and a partnership with the Civil Air Patrol we offered a hands-on program on drones.

June

- Offer the summer reading program in June and July to 506 children, teens and adults. The summer reading included tracking and awarding prizes for reading, and weekly fun educational programs. Programs included

July

- We opened the Makerspace in the Southeast corner of the library.
- Over 700 Kindergarten bags were created and delivered to Roswell Schools with the assistance of Altrusa and Roswell Library Foundation.
- Studio 27 created schematic plans for an outdoor play and learn area.
- Participated in the RISD Teacher Inservice and community event.

August

- The HVAC system on the southside of the building has been fixed. While we waited for the unit on the northside of the building to be fixed, we suspended children's programs in the Malone Room and the Bondurant Room.
- The first set of statues, created by Duke Sundt titled "First Jump" were placed on display in the library until final placement in the "Lest We Forget Statuary Garden."
- Hosted a stuffed animal sleepover at the Library.

September

- Purchased new shelving which allowed us to expand Spanish and Bilingual titles for young children.
- Consolidated the newspapers and magazines area and updated the signage for the magazines. The Friends of the Library have provided funds to purchase magazines.

October

- The evening of Saturday, October 19, 2024, 5.78 inches of rain fell, causing flash floods that caused damage to the library.
- Began offering Teen Programs.

November

- 249 people attended the Día de los Muertos program on November 2. The event honored Ricardo "Rudy" Burrola with an exhibit and altar.
- The Roswell Public Library partnered with the Historical Society of Southwest New Mexico to create a word searchable digitized record of the high school yearbooks. We have 1911-1937 of the Roswell High School yearbook online at roswell-nm.historyarchives.online/home. This project was paid with Library General Obligation Bond funds.

December

- More than 260 people attended a Grinchy Yuletide Festival. There was craft, music, storytelling, STEM activity, cookie decorating, cupcake wars, and each child selected a free book to take home.
- Katelyn Turner, Roswell Public Library STEM Instructor, was selected as one of 13 people nationwide to take part in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Public Library Innovation Exchange (PLIX) Ambassador's program.
- 224 people welcomed in the new year early at the Library on December 31. The event concluded with a balloon drop at 12:00 noon.