

Roswell Public Library

March 16, 2025 – April 15, 2024

Flood Recovery

Almond Painting will be painting the Bondurant Room and the interior west side of the library the last week of April and first week of May.

Accomplishments

Building Improvements

Play and Learn Area: Contracts have been signed and work has begun on creating the plans for the Outdoor Early Childhood Play and Learn Area.

- The plans are expected to be completed by the end of this calendar year. A purchase order has been created. We are using donated funds for this project.
- We are using 2022 General Obligation Bond funds to purchase some of the items. At the March meeting of the Library Board of Trustees we looked at items created by Percussion Play. I then had parents who attended our preschool programs look over the items from Percussion Play. We need to do some more research on placement and if we should only pick a major or minor keys for the instruments. There was also concern about shade.
 - Dragonfly – everyone liked the dragon to celebrate the Dragonfly Festival.
 - Flower Petal Drums – we are researching if a sponsor's name might be engraved on the stem of the flower. The flowers are poppy, sunflower, daisy, and Forget Me Not (we requested the Forget Me Not be painted as a Purple Pansy in honor of Shakespeare).
 - Harmony Flowers – there are six different colored flowers, three in the major key and three in the minor key ranges.
 - Harmony Bells – there are six different colored bells, three in the major key and three in the minor key.
 - Tropical Cyclone – that makes the sound of rain.
 - Cattail Chimes – the chimes are a celebration of the Bitter Lakes.
 - Talking Tubes – but we are researching the installment requirement and seeking assurance that bugs cannot use it for a resting area.
 - Cavatina and book of music – the cavatina is colorful and the music book is coded to match the color of the key to be played.
- We are going to keep the trees on the south side of the library. This should help provide shade to the area. Ruben Esquivel, Cemetery Department and arborist, provided information on the trees. We will be having Esquivel look over the plans to ensure we keep the trees healthy.
- We are planning to restore and move the sundial to the front of the building.
- We are planning to place potted plants behind the girl and boy on the bench.
- We want to include signage and rules of the area. These will be in English and Spanish
- We will have storage for the raised garden area to put equipment.

- We discussed where the swinging door to the play and learn area will be. Then we discussed it again and yet again.
- We discussed how to bridge from the inside and outside levels and the answer seems to be a bridge.

Roof Repair: Repairs to the library roof are complete. There was some additional work done after new leaks appeared during the last rain/snow storm.

Banners: Two new banners have been installed on the library outer walls. These banners replaced the most faded banners. We will be purchasing two more banners.

Service Improvements

Yearbooks: We have Roswell High School Yearbooks (1911 to 1958) on the website <https://roswell-nm.historyarchives.online/home>. We will continue to work on this project the next fiscal year using General Obligation Bond Funds.

Oversize Books: The books over 12 inches tall are placed on sturdy shelves and face the nonfiction collection. Previously they were located on the west wall.

State Documents Collection: 20 libraries in New Mexico serve as State Depositories. Roswell Public Library is one of those libraries. We are re-evaluating the collection and adding some of the documents into our circulating collection and discarding items that are dated. We will also be rehousing the remaining collections in more suitable containers.

Genealogy Collection: The genealogy collection started with a gift from the Daughters' of the Revolution. We have an agreement that if we ever wish to discard any of the books they donated, we need to contact them first. Currently the collection is located on the south wall and it will be moved to be shelved by the reference collection. We will be evaluating the collection and determining what we should keep, what needs to be rehoused, and what may be scanned.

Programs

Rube Goldberg Event: 168 people help created the Roswell Public Library Rube Goldberg Machine Challenge that started off with coding with an ozobot, that triggers a marble run and a trap that started a car down a ramp to pop a balloon that started a swing that launch a ball that knock over dominoes that knock off a cup that launch a paper airplane. Katelyn Turner coordinated this event with MIT and the Miniature Museum.

Touch a Truck: The Fire Department, Police Department, Transportation Department, and Water Department parked on Pennsylvania Avenue on Saturday, March 22 and allowed 268 members of the community to look over their vehicles, toot a horn and pretend that they were a city employee doing good for the community. Each child took home a free book and enjoyed a snow cone. The event was coordinated by Rocio Ortiz

and sponsored by Sparklight and the Roswell Library Foundation.

Bob Boze Bell: 48 people attended an author and artist talk at the Library featuring American west historian Bob Boze Bell on Friday, April 11. The evening program featured artwork by Bell displayed in the Bondurant Room, an amusing presentation and refreshments. Jan Dunnahoo coordinated the event and the Friends of the Library provided cookies and library lemonade.

Kindergarten Bags: We are again putting together school supplies bags for students entering kindergarten in the fall. Rather than a book we are putting a coloring book provided by the New Mexico State Library.

Summer Reading Program: Registration for the summer reading program will begin on May 27 the same day the Wonder on Wheels mobile museum van will be at the library. The reading program has two parts. Part one is encouraging reading over the summer and Part two is providing enrichment activities to keep students learning over the summer months. Rocio Ortiz, Diana Bernal and Katelyn Turner have put together a series of programs this summer. We will have special programs each Thursday, Friday movies, programs for young children on Tuesdays and Wednesday. Programs on the weekend too. Ortiz is requesting assistance from local businesses for prizes and sponsorship.

Plans for March - April

- Move the genealogy collection.
- Painting of the interior parts of the library is expected to begin late April.
- Host a Día del Niño/Día del Libro program.
- Clean the Tree of Knowledge.