

Roswell Public Library

July 2025

Flood Recovery

Almond Painting has completed the painting of the Bondurant Room, west interior wall and young adult area.

The Tree of Knowledge has had its annual cleaning.

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Early Childhood Outside Play and Learn Area: We expect the architectural plans for the Outside Early Childhood Play and Learn area to be completed before December 31, 2025. Studio 27 completed the site survey and discovered there was a slight issue with the property line that was resolved by talking with Jessica Vickers, Community Development Director and Hessel Yntema, City Attorney. Studio 27 will be updating the Finance Committee on the project at the August meeting.

Play and Learn Area: We are requesting a quote to place a tile road for the library car located in the children's area and stone tile by the artwork of the Koi Pond.

Circulation Desk: Prior to the October flood of 2024 we were planning to replace the carpet at the circulation desk with tile. Instead, we repurposed the funds for repairs in the Bondurant Room. We are now revisiting this project and getting an updated quote. We will need to close the library for about a week while this project is being done. Ideally, we are looking at late November or early December for the project.

Dragon: The Roswell Public Library is the home of a purple dragon, currently the dragon is in the old photocopy area. We plan to relocate the dragon to the lobby and place her on a pedestal. We are then going to add doors to the old photocopy area creating a storage area.

South Wall: The genealogy books and the graphic novels are located on the south wall. The graphic novels will be relocated to the area behind the Hispanic Heritage Mural. The Genealogy books will be examined and relocated between the reference collection and oversize materials. The shelving will be removed and the walls patched and painted.

Young Adult Collection: We are in the process of shifting the non-fiction collection in the main library to allow for expanding the Young Adult collection, creating a home for the young adult books in Spanish and expanding the area for the fiction collection.

Service Improvements

Self Checkout Station: We are using Library General Obligation Bond funds to purchase a self check-out station for the children's area.

AWE Early Learning Computer: We have one AWE Early Learning Computer in the over 175 educational software programs on it. The computer is very popular. We are using Library General Obligation Bond funds to purchase another computer.

Yearbooks and City Directories: We continue to work with the Historical Society for Southwest New Mexico to scan and post online the high school yearbooks. We completed the Roswell High School yearbooks from 1911 through 1958. We will continue to scan and post the Roswell City Polk Directories. We have completed the City Directory from 1918 through 1970 (with the exception of 1947 which we will have scanned and posted this year). Scanned directories will be placed in archival boxes and relocated to cold storage in the library.

State Documents: Roswell Public Library is one of 19 State Depository Libraries in New Mexico. The collection is a bit cumbersome to use in part because of the way it is cataloged and housed. We are addressing both of these issues. We are re-cataloging them in Dewey Decimal order and putting

Programs

Kindergarten Bags: Transit Department is helping with the delivery of the kindergarten bags for the children entering kindergarten in the fall. Each bag includes a library card application, school supplies, a coloring book provided by the New Mexico State Library, and a book about entering kindergarten. The Roswell Independent School District (RISD) generously purchased 650 books for the Kindergarten Bags.

Summer Reading Program: During June and July the youth services staff have been busy promoting reading and learning during the summer. The program concludes on July 24, although we will provide more details in the next report, I can report that we reach our goal of increasing participation.

New Programs

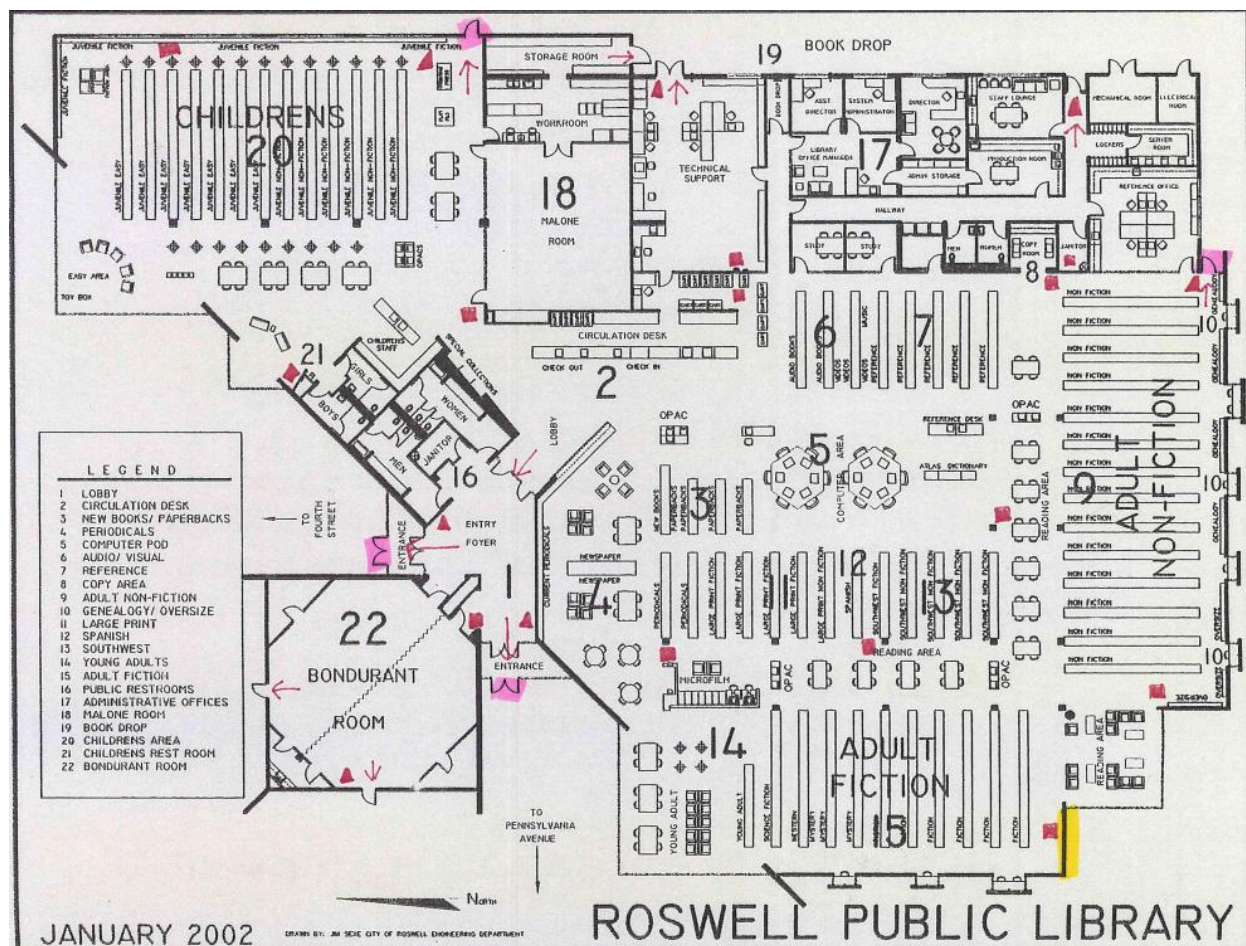
Senior Planet: Senior Planet is a program affiliated with AARP that offers technology-theme classes, events, and online content for adults. The Roswell Public Library is partnering with Senior Planet to offer themed classes that teach technology. We will begin with lecture classes before offering hands-on computer classes. Programs begin in August.

Sketchy Reads: Sketchy Read is a graphic novel, Manga, and Anime Club for teens. The program is offered on the first and third Saturday at 2:00 pm beginning in August 15.

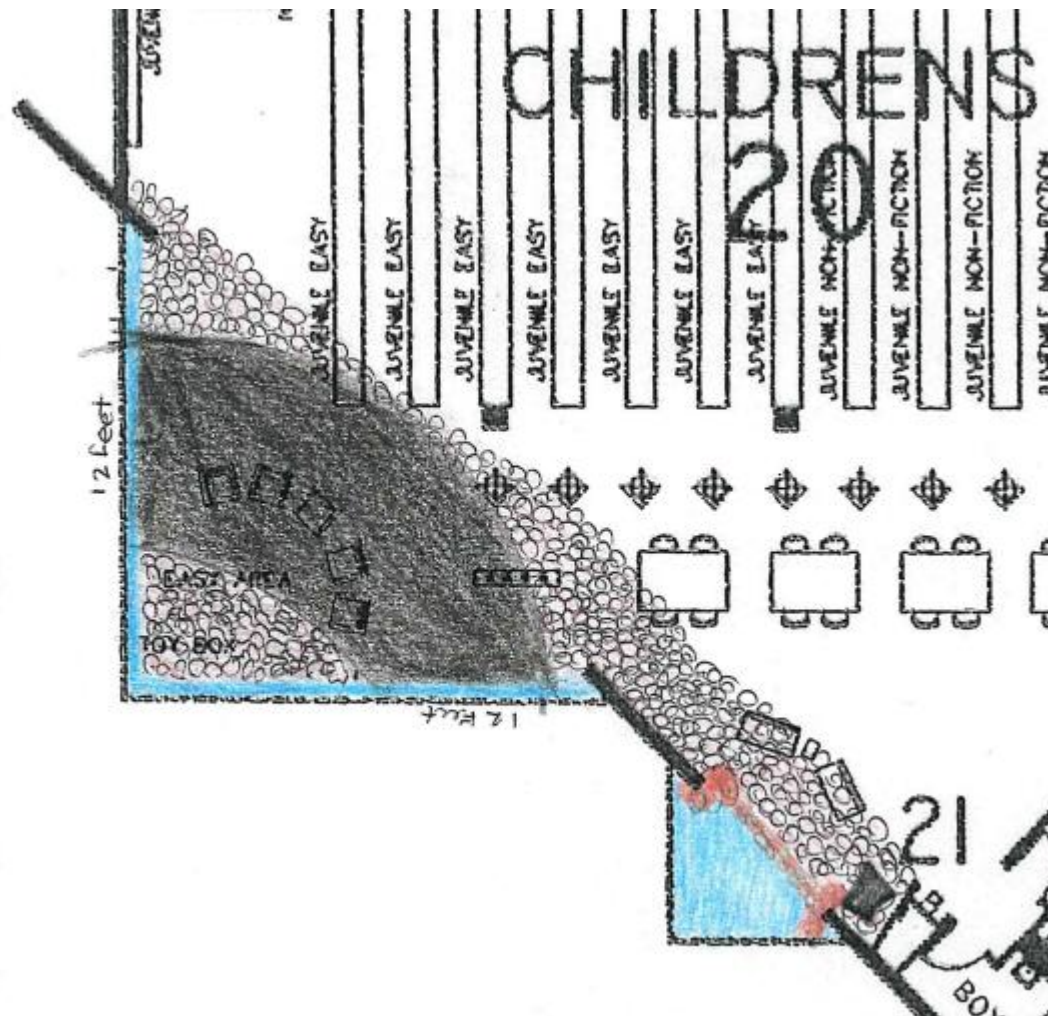
Page Turners: Is a book club for upper elementary students that meets on the first and third Wednesday. The book will be read together and discussed while enjoying a snack.

S.T.E.A.M Fridays: Beginning in August we will begin offering programs focusing on science, technology, engineering, art and math on Fridays. During the morning the program will be designed for preschool children and the afternoon the programs will be for older children and teens.

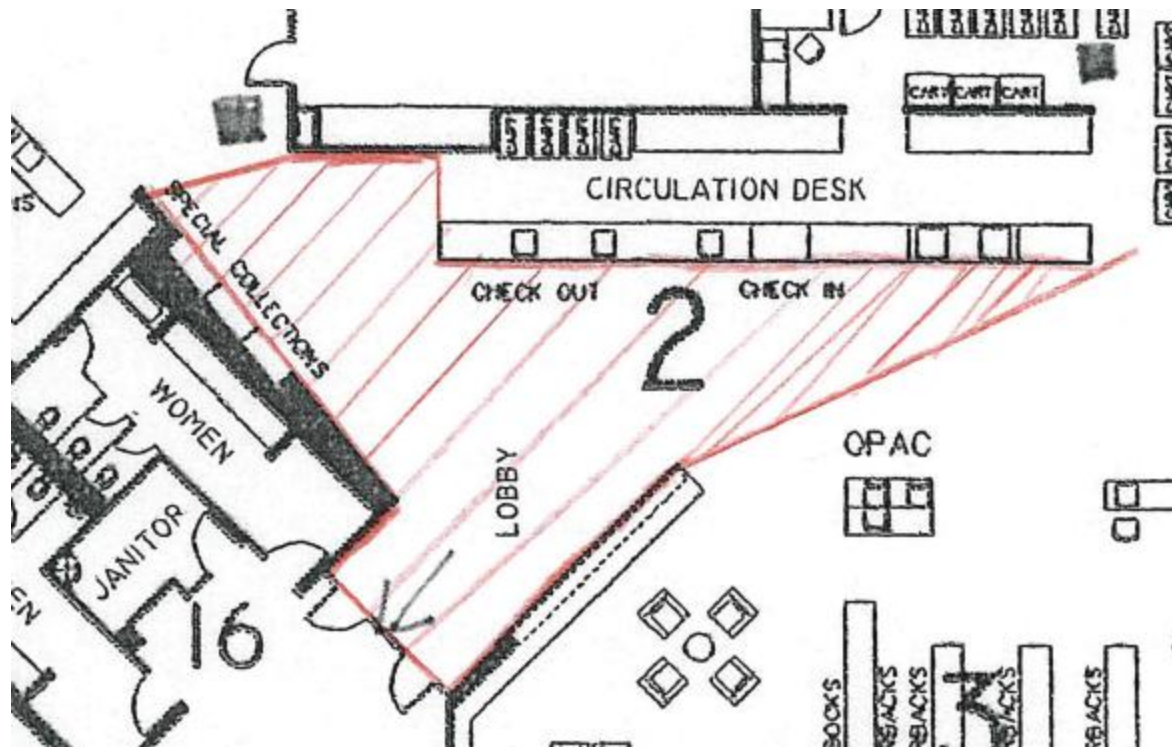
Stories con Amigos: Beginning Thursday, August 15 we will offer a weekly evening bilingual preschool program for children two to five years old.



Floor plan of the Roswell Public Library



A black tiled roadway and pebble tiles will be installed in the children's area. The curved road will also have stripes designating lanes. After installation the car will be reinstalled on the road. The pebble tiles will extend to the koi pond. We will install directional signs on the interior drain pipes.



We will be replacing the carpet at the circulation desk with tile. Prior to installation the security gates will be dismantled. During the week of installation, the library will be closed to the public.