

Roswell Public Library

September – October 2025

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden/: We have renamed the Early Childhood Outside Play and Learn Area the Children's Garden or Jarín de Niños We are using funds from the Roswell Library Foundation to purchase the musical interments for the project.

The expectation is that we bring the final plans for the project before the Infrastructure Committee on November 17, the Finance Committee on December 4 and the Roswell City Council on December 11. Funds for this project were put in a CD and money market account and will not be accessible, without paying a penalty for early withdraw, until December 14, 2026. We will request that the Children's Garden be a capital improvement project for FY2027.

Water Heater: The water heater, was replaced having leaked earlier this month soaking the wall in the utility room and destroying a box of HVAC filters. The wet drywall and insulation were removed and the walls were treated.

AED: Through a donation to the City of Roswell we were given an Automated External Defibrillator, which is located behind the reference desk.

Service Improvements

Tumblebooks: We are using 2022 General Obligation Bond funds to purchase Tumblebooks Library. Tumblebooks Library has over 1100 titles for grades K-6 which include animated talking picture books, read-along chapter book, nonfiction books and video. The Tumblebook Library includes books in English, Spanish and French. The three-year subscription may be used by the area public and private schools.

Quilt Display: We have a lovely fall quilt display in the Bondurant Room that features fabric art by the Pecos Valley Quilters.

Collections: We have removed all the books from the south wall of the Roswell Public Library. Many of the books are musty and dusty and have been enclosed in plastic bags until they might be evaluated. We have evaluated the DVD collection and interfiled the children's DVD collection in with the main DVD collection. We shifted the audiobooks south and the first two shelves will house the State Documents, UFO Collection and the New Mexico Collection.

Programs

Spicy: Spicy is a program that encourages people to learn and try new spices. Once a month we provide a recipe, history of a spice and a spice or herb sample for people to pick up. In October we provided packets of pumpkin spice, a recipe for pumpkin spice pumpkin seeds and a one-page sheet on the history of pumpkin spice. The program

was well received with one child bring in a pumpkin muffin she made with the spices she pick-up.

Senior Planet: Senior Planet is a project of AARP which uses teaching computers skills to build community. Beginning in January it will be offered opposite Saturdays from the STEM programs.

Bilingual Storytime: Bilingual Storytime is teaching children Spanish through stories, games and activities. It is presented Thursday evening at 5:00 pm.

STEM: Megan Rock is the new STEM instructor she has spent time orientating herself with the materials and equipment in the Makerspace. The first STEM program she will be presenting is a pumpkin density challenge on October 18.

Cooking Club: We renamed the Charlie Cart project the cooking club and it taking off. The program is offered the same day as the Art Museum's Second Saturday and we often see families going to both programs. We adopted a drop-in style program that seem to work with families. Children, teen and adult make a hors d'oeuvre size food using local food and materials provided in the Charlie Cart

Grants and Donations

General Obligations Funds: The Roswell Public Library is using a restrictive fund to improve library services in the fiscal years 2025 and 2026. The 2022 General Obligations Funds are managed by the New Mexico State Library. The Roswell Public Library is reimbursed for funds spend on pre-approved projects. Funds have to spent and checks issued by June 30, 2026. The following projects have been approved by the New Mexico State Library:

- Board book shelving to expand the Spanish board book collection
- Public computers and staff computers
- Early literacy computer for the children's area
- Tumblebook Library is an online picture book and chapter book collection
- Chairs for the public area
- Shelving for the graphic novels
- Display shelving for the Young Adult Collection
- Scanning of High School Yearbooks
- iPad, cases and Apple TV – which were lost in the October 2024 flood
- Self-checkout station for the children's area

State Grants in Aid: The New Mexico State Library is expected to send out notification of State Grants in Aid to Public Library funding in October. The amount of State Grants in Aid is determined by the State Legislature and the amount varies year to year.

Donations: The Roswell Public Library received an anonymous gift of \$4,000.