

Roswell Public Library

October - November 2025

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

The Roswell Public Library will be closed November 17 – December 1 for renovations. Renovations include installing tile in the children's area that will look like a road with gravel on the edges for the Library Car. The road will have painted strips and seemly curve in and out of the children's area. The gravel will extend in front of the koi pond. We will also have tile installed in front of the circulation desk and entrance to the children's area. We are also having the bookshelves on the south wall removed and relocated. The south wall will be painted while we are closed. We also asked the cleaning crew to polish the floors in the makerspace.

Children's Garden: The completed plans will be presented to the Infrastructure Committee on November 17, and the Finance Committee on December 4. The musical instruments (paid by the Roswell Library Foundation) are expected to be delivered in November. We are working with the Finance Department to sell a CD and have access to the funds set aside for the project. Ideally we would like to go out for bid early 2026.

Service Improvements

Tumblebooks: We used 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 books, nonfiction books and National Graphic videos. The Tumblebook Library includes books in English, Spanish and French. The three-year subscription may be used by the area public and private schools.

Programs

Dia de los Muertos: 178 people attended the Dia de los Muertos program at the Roswell Public Library on Saturday, November 1. The program included a blessing for the departed by Father Lato. Cultural dancing by Folkloria. Facepainting, decorating skull sugar cookies, information on creating an altar for a loved one who passed, and workshops on how to create items for the altar (sugar skulls, paper flowers, and paper picado). Diana Bernal coordinated this program. Thanks go to the Roswell High School Spanish club which helped create the community altar. Special thanks to Marcos Nava who assisted and supported the event. Thanks also to the Roswell Hispano Chamber of Commerce, Roswell Library Foundation and Friends of the Roswell Public Library.

Spice Club: Sage was the spice of the month of November.

Grants and Donations

State Grants in Aid: The Roswell Public Library will receive \$10,000 in New Mexico Grant in Aid to Public Libraries. Funds must be spent by June 1, 2026 or remaining funds have to be returned. These are restricted funds for library service improvements.