

Roswell Public Library

November – December 2025

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Renovations: The Roswell Public Library was closed to the public (November 17 – November 30) for renovation. We reopened December 1, with the exception of the children's area that remained closed until the flooring was completed and the area was cleaned. The Children's area opened on Thursday, December 11. The tile at the front desk was purchased by the Roswell Library Foundation with the expectation that it would have been installed last fall. After the flood we set that project aside to make repairs to the Bondurant Room. The "pebbles and roadway" project was paid for by the Roswell Library Foundation. The dragon has been moved to the lobby, facilities department staff created a pedestal and Quiannalei, (Library staff) is creating it to look like a stack of books.

Children's Garden: The Roswell City Council approved the plans for the Children's Garden and permission to go out for an invitation to bid (ITB) once funds have been pulled together. The musical instruments have been purchased by the Roswell Library Foundation and are currently in storage.

Service Improvements

Books in Series: In the children's area we are marking books in a series with a small orange dot. These books will be placed on the end of the range display.

Board Books: We are in the process of purchasing another board book browser bins to house the board book collection.

City Directories: We are using 2022 General Obligation Funds to have Advantage Archive scan, index and place on a third-party website 20,296 more pages the Roswell City Directories. This represents year books from 1947, and 1971-1996.

Yearbooks: We are using 2022 General Obligation Funds to scan, index and place on a third-party website more than 3,900 pages of the Roswell High School yearbooks (1980-2000)

Programs

We have scheduled our programs January through April 2026.

New programs: Library staff are offering two new programs for the community. They are a book club for adults on the first Wednesday titled Books & Bites, and a craft program for adults on the second Wednesday titled Adult Crafternoon.

Special Events: Each month there is a special program for families,

- January “Hello Kitty Tea Party”
- February “Fly Away to Neverland” celebrates works of J.M. Barrie
- March is Touch a Truck
- April is Day of the Child/Day of the Book.

Monthly and Bi-Monthly: We offer a chess club (provided by volunteers), gaming club, gardening club (provided by NM Extension Office) and a cooking club once a month. Two science programs a month and two technology classes for adults twice a month.

Weekly Program: We offer weekly programs targeted for children and others targeted for adults. Children’s programs include programs for infants and toddlers, and preschool programs. These programs are offered in English and in Spanish. A therapy dog reading program (provided by a volunteer). Adult programs include Yarn exchange, and Coloring program as well as the previously mentioned new programs.

Spice Club: Ginger was the spice of the month for December.

Grants and Donations

State Grants in Aid: The Roswell Public Library has received \$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.

2022 General Obligation Bond: We have completed a portion of our projects and we are in the process of requesting reimbursements.