

Roswell Public Library

December 2025 – January 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: Funds have been moved that allows us to issue an Invitation to Bid on the Children's Garden was issued January 15, 2026. A pre-bid meeting is planned for January 20 and the bids will be opened on February 20. We are required to accept the lowest bid that meets all the qualifications of the project.

Building Stucco: The stucco on the east side of the building under the delivery window has been repaired and the stucco is no longer pulling away from the building. The stucco still needs to be painted.

Shelving: New shelving has been installed by the Parks Department Staff. We also had shelving removed from the south wall placed in other locations in the library.

Lights: Facilities have started to replace the burnt-out lights in the library switching them over to LED lights.

Service Improvements

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 of 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

Grinchy Yuletide Festival: Diana Bernal coordinated a Grinchy holiday event on Saturday, December 20 was attended by 246 people. The event included crafts by the Roswell Museum, and another craft by the NM Extension Services, cookie decorating, green grinch punch, facepainting, photos with the Grinch who handed out chocolate coal, reading of the "Night Before Christmas" in English and Spanish, library scavenger hunt and each children selected a free book to take home. This fun family event was sponsored by the Roswell Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

Noon Year's Eve Event: Megan Rock coordinated the 11 am to noon event on December 31 to celebrate 2026. The event was attended by 222 and included a photo booth, music, craft, pizza, punch, popcorn, scavenger hunt, and balloon drop and confetti at noon.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for January - turmeric.

Quilt Display: The Pecos Valley Quilters took down the fall quilt display and have the winter display in the Bondurant room.

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. Purchases include: cart for STEAM, iPads and cases for children's, reference and circulation, processing materials, storywalk© books, program materials, and shipping supplies for ILL

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

Carnegie Corporation of New York: Andrew Carnegie Foundation funded the building of 1,681 public libraries in the United States of which three were built in New Mexico. To honor Andrew Carnegie's gift to the community and to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Carnegie Corporation of New York is providing a gift of \$10,000 to Carnegie Public Libraries. Roswell Public Library is one of three New Mexico Libraries that were started with funds from Carnegie Foundation.