

Roswell Public Library

March 13 – April 11, 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: We have an agreement with Mevacon LLC to construct the Children's Garden. The ground breaking ceremony will focus on the children. We plan to use trowels instead of shovels for the children to participate in the groundbreaking ceremony on a yet to be determined time.

Skylights: The skylights have been ordered and should come in 12 to 16 weeks.

Service Improvements

2022 General Obligation Bond: We have submitted the final reimbursement to the New Mexico State Library for reimbursement for items purchased.

New Mexico State Library Grants-in-Aid: We used State Library Grants-in-Aid to purchase 7 iPads, screen protectors, and cases. We also purchased 2 Apple TVs so we might use the devices for programs. We used the remaining amount to purchase two books for the collection.

The iPads will allow us to show the public how to use Tumblebooks (online books for children), Libby (online books and audio books), Comics Plus (online comic books), Princh (printing app), Zoobean (online summer reading program reading log). We will be purchasing additional apps to use in programs.

Library Collection

During last fiscal year and this fiscal year, we have made many decisions to protect and preserve the collection. We are also taking steps to make searching the collection more user friendly. By the end of the fiscal year 2026 we should have completed an evaluation of the collection based on "MUSTIE" or

- Misleading: factually inaccurate
- Ugly/Moldy/Damaged
- Superseded: new edition available
- Trivial: outdated popular culture
- Irrelevant: to the community Elsewhere Available: usually on-line

The next step is to evaluate the collection on usage, date of publication and ensure we have all the books in the series, while also looking at collection tools such as H.W. Wilson's Public Library Core Collection for Fiction and Nonfiction to fill gaps in our collection.

Documents Required By New Mexico State Library

There are three documents that the New Mexico State Library requires all libraries to create and have on file with the New Mexico State Library. They are a three year

Strategic Plan, a five year Collection Development Policy and a five year Community Vision and Assessment. As luck would have it all three documents need to be updated this year. The Strategic Plan was approved by the City Manager in December 2025, the Collection Development Policy was reviewed by the Roswell Board of Trustees at the March meeting with no changes. The Community Vision and Assessment created in 2022 has been updated with information gleaned from the 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan for the City of Roswell.

Programs

Touch a Truck: Each March we ask City Departments and Organizations to spiff up their vehicle and bring it to the Roswell Public Library and allow families to touch the truck or sit in the truck and ask questions. On March 28, 2026, the Street's Department blocked off a portion of Pennsylvania Avenue so 224 people who attended the program might safely enjoy the fire truck, transit bus, Dion's pizza, and snow cones. Each child selected a free book.

A NM Department of Fish and Game instructor was presenting training in the meeting room, inquired about the event and has already marked his calendar to participate next year.

STEAM: We offered two Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math each month this month. The program on rainbows attracted 40 people and the program on rockets at the end of spring break attracted 20 people. Due to the lower-than-normal number who attended the rocket program participants were able to spend time modifying their rocket designs. The April program on the Saturday before Easter attracted 12 participants, as the program was held on the same day as the city egg hunt at the Aquatic Center.

Quilt Display: The Pecos Valley Quilters have created a spring exhibit in the Bondurant Room. The exhibit includes several different types of quilting forms, as well as a quilting challenge that the Pecos Valley Quilters created to use up their scrap piles.

Tolkien Reading Day: Robert hosted a J.R.R. Tolkien reading day on March 25 (the day the one ring was destroyed). The public was encouraged to dress up as a Lord of the Ring character, but the staff got into the spirit too and some put on elf ears while others did a bit more. We had someone from the public come as Gandalf. The public earn a ticket for a drawing of a set of Lord of the Rings if they came in costume or checked out a book. The winner of the set of books shared that she had lost her set of Lord of the Rings in the October 2025 flood and the gift was much appreciated. We are now planning for a "May the Fourth/May the Force Be With You" day.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for April is Basil.

Summer Reading Program: The calendar was submitted to be included in the City of Roswell May-August brochure. The summer reading prizes have been ordered. We have a costume for Diana, and a Facebook mascot (a tiny dinosaur with lots of teeth).