

Roswell Public Library

April 11 – May 11, 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: We will have a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, May 16. Mevacon LLC will begin work on May 18. We have the permit posted by the front door and a copy of the CIP approved plans are at the reference desk.

Skylights: The skylights have been installed.

Service Improvements

New Mexico State Library Grants-in-Aid: We submitted the required Library Grants-in-Aid reporting form to the New Mexico State Library.

Library Collection

We completed the evaluation of the nonfiction collection with the exception of the Genealogy 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- Superseded: new edition available
- Trivial: outdated popular culture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 Genealogy collection is a specialized collection that will take some time to evaluate. We began with the materials that provide information on how to conduct genealogy research. We decided to keep materials that deal with searching for information in the United States and Mexico. We also decided that much of the collection needs to be treated. The treatment begins with putting it in a closed plastic bin with lava rocks. The second step is to put in a plastic bin with kitty litter and baking soda and the third step is to put the book in the freezer. Then we clean, vacuum, and repair the book, re-catalog and re-label the item before placing it on the shelf.

Library Hours: During the summer May 31 to August 2 the library hours will be Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Closed Sundays

This will allow us to better staff the library during our busiest time.

Programs

Day of the Child/Day of the Book: We held a carnival themed event that included activities throughout the library. Activities included facepainting, balloon twisting, craft, scavenger hunt, treats and a free book. Staff decorated the library and came in costume. The event was attended by 395 people.

Mother's Day: The Science Museum and Gardening Club offered a flower arrangement project that complimented the cooking club program of creating edible bouquet. 65 people attended the edible bouquet program that was held in two sessions.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for May is Cardamom.

Summer Reading Program: The theme for this year's summer reading program is dinosaurs. The reading program has two parts, the events offered throughout the summer and the tracking and awarding prizes for reading.

Events: We have a full schedule of programs; preschool programs, special Thursday performers, STEM programs, cooking club, movie and popcorn, gaming Fridays, book club and craft programs.

Tracking Reading: We also have activities and prizes to encourage reading for babies to seniors. Our programs are:

Beginning Readers: read or are read to and earn 10 tokens each week they read 10 books. If they read 15 or more books, they earn 20 tokens. Tokens are then redeemed for prizes.

Seasoned Readers: read one book (100 to 300 pages) a week and earn 10 tokens. Reading a book with over 300 pages earns 20 tokens.

Teens: read a book and write a review to earn a ticket for a weekly prize.

Adults: Earn a ticket for each day they checkout materials from the Roswell Public Library

STEM at the Air Races: The library was visited by a representative from the National Championship Air Races who is coordinating STEM activities for the Air Races. Later we were visited by the New Mexico Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) Innovation program coordinated by University of New Mexico. Ideally, we will work with ENMU-Roswell and UNM to provide STEM activities at the Air Races.

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Kindergarten Bags: Each year we put together a bag for each kindergarten student in the Roswell Independent School District (RISD) and the private schools. We typically provide library card applications, library calendar, some school supplies (provided by a community organization) and a free book. This year instead of providing each child a free book we plan to provide the kindergarten teachers with a set of books to use in his or her classroom on the topic of the constitution and American history. We will have the books reviewed by school staff before committing to the project. We will use a portion of the Andrew Carnegie grant to purchase the books.

Family Bingo: This is a summer activity to encourage families to do activities together and learn about the constitution. We are using an online program that awards badges for completing certain activities. For example, participate in a Keep Roswell Beautiful event or check-out a clean-up kit from the library and clean up your neighborhood. The badges are awarded on a bingo card. Getting 4 badges in a row earns a bingo prize and completing all 16 activities earns another prize.

Storywalk: We have purchased several early American History picture books and books recommended by the New Mexico 250 project that we will feature throughout July 2026 to July 2027 in our Storywalk. As the book pages are taken apart, laminated and placed in the outside holders the length of each picture book is carefully considered.

Exhibit: We have a poster from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History that will be the center of the display about the Constitution and the Library Bill of Rights.

Community Discussion: Our grant application to the Smithsonian was turned down, but we are reviewing the project to determine if we can implement parts without the grant.