

Roswell Public Library

May 11 – June 18, 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: We had a groundbreaking ceremony on Saturday, May 16 and Mevacon LLC begin work on June 2. Over 16% of the work has been completed. This includes: relocation of 5 rocks around the north parking area, removing concrete, preparing the site for paving bricks, installing new drain pipes and installing new irrigation pipes.

Library Dragon: Recently a 30 something visitor to the library took a picture of the library dragon to send to his sister. He, like many others, has good memories of the Library Dragon. In recognition of these good memories the Facilities Staff built a platform for the dragon and Quiannalei Olivas turned the platform into a stack of books. The Library Dragon now welcomes visitors from his perch of books in the lobby.

Buffalo Soldier: The library is displaying the statues for the Lest We Forget Collection, until they are permanently installed. We currently have three statues: the Buffalo Soldier, First Jump and the Vaquero. As a thank you, for temporarily displaying the statue, the Roswell Public Library was given a maquette of the Vaquero Statue.

Service Improvements

Banners: We have purchased several stand-alone banners to inform the public when we have an event in the library. These banners are on display on the day of the library program they include Book Club, Chess Club, Cooking Club, Craft Programs, Garden Club, STEAM programs, and Technology Training.

Programs

Summer Reading Program: With the assistance of CASA Kids we added another reading program for ages 2-18. The program is called "Reading for Kindness" and it is designed to encourage children and teens to read 5 books before July 31. The books read are on the topic of kindness (i.e. being a good friend, dealing with bullying, being kind to yourself and others). Library staff created the online program, and a display of books to read. CASA Kids is providing the prizes.

We have the following business supporting the summer reading program. Applebee's, Area 52, Degenerate Coffee, Dion's, and Texas Roadhouse. The special Thursday programs are sponsored by Friends of the Library, the Roswell Library Foundation and Taqueria Jalisco.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for June is Thyme.

America 250

Quilt Display: The Pecos Valley Quilters have put together a summer red white and blue quilt exhibit to celebrate Roswell and the United States. The quilt display includes two community quilts, a Quilt for Valor, a Bicentennial Quilt, two flag quilts, a quilt to honor veterans and other quilts.