

Roswell Public Library

June 18 - July 17, 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: The forms are being made for the concrete pour. The musical instruments have been picked up from A.K. Sales. The fence and other components of the Children's Garden have been ordered.

Service Improvements

Piñata Exhibit: Cartonería Exhibit: Piñatas! A Mexican Art of Paper and Paste
In partnership with the New Mexico Museum of International Folk Art is the newest New Mexico traveling exhibit on loan to the Roswell Public Library until October 6. We are making arrangements with the New Mexico Museum of International Folk Art to present a program at the Roswell Public Library during National Hispanic American Heritage Month.

Signage: We have completed shifting books in the fiction and nonfiction collections and have created new range signage to help people find books.

Patron Database: We are requesting the Roswell City Council to forgive overdue fines that are over 5 years old. This should clear up all remaining overdue fines still in our database. In 2022 the Roswell City allowed us to remove fines and fees that were January 1, 2018 and older. This request is to remove fines and fees January 1, 2022 and older.

Library Catalog: We have completed removing the electronic books and electronic audio books from the Library Catalog. Of course, this does not mean we no longer have electronic books or electronic audio books, because we do. This means that the library catalog only shows the physical items and the Libby App will need to be used to search the ever changing, electronic books and electronic audio books.

We have cataloging the "I can read books" as "Readers" as their type and location. The books have a "R" on the spine and are located on the first row of tall shelves closest to the picture books. The books are arranged on the shelves in alphabetical order by author rather than the reading level and then in alphabetical order. Following the fiction reader will be the Nonfiction readers. The Spanish language Readers will be shelved between the Picture book in Spanish and the Juvenile Fiction books in Spanish. call numbers are R [author], ESP R [author], R [Dewey number][author] and ESP R [Dewey number][author]

Computers: A power outage while the library computers were updating was the cause of all but three computers needing to be reprogrammed before they became operational again.

Programs

Summer Reading Program: The eight-week summer reading program will end July 31. We have 702 people registered for the program and as of July 16 9,674 books have been read. Our last special program was the Georgia O'Keeffe Art Van. They were very pleased with the number of people at the program stating our event had the most people attending from all the events held this summer.

General Obligation Bond

2022 General Obligation Bonds: The Roswell Public Library received \$170,823.41 in 2022 General Obligation Bond funds. With a deadline to spend, issue check and request reimbursement by June 30, 2026 (that was later changed to April 1, 2026). We spent and received reimbursement for \$65,035.95 in fiscal year 2025 The \$150,796.46 in reimbursements was deposited into the City of Roswell account on July 15, 2026.

2024 General Obligation Bonds: The State Library has been notified that the 2024 GO Bonds have been sold (email 2/2026). The Public Libraries will share an allocation of \$6,000,000 and the Tribal Public Libraries will share an allocation of \$1,000,000. Because of the delay in the Bonds being sold, you will have until April 1, 2029, to spend down the funds. The Roswell Public Library 2024 GO Bonds amount is \$169,038.61 We plan to use the funds for the collection and especially for filling in gaps in the nonfiction collection this fiscal year. The agreement for the 2024 GO Bond is expected to be sent out early in fiscal year 2027.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for July is Ground Mustard.

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