

Roswell Public Library

August 2026

Accomplishments

Building Improvements Plans

Children's Garden: Work on the Children's Garden has stalled while we waiting for supplies to be delivered.

Service Improvements

Annual Report: The Roswell Public Library submitted its annual report to the New Mexico State Library. The document is used by the state library staff to determine if we may maintain our public library status as outlined in 4.5.2 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) and New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) Chapter 18, Articles 2-8 through 2-18. Without public library status we would not receive New Mexico State Grants in Aid, or Library General Obligation Bond (4.5.8 New Mexico Administrative Code).

The 4.5.2 NMAC outline services a public library has to perform and sets local funding levels for collections. While New Mexico Statutes Annotated (NMSA) Chapter 18, Articles 2-8 through 2-18 outlines requirements for the public library director. For a city the size of Roswell the library director requires a Permanent Professional Librarian Certificate which requires a MLS or MLIS from an American Library Association accredited school.

Programs

Kindergarten Bags: We used grant funds from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation and other donations to purchase items in this year's kindergarten bags. Each bag has a coloring book provided by the state library, library card application form, library calendar, scissors, tissues, eraser, glue stick, airplane craft, and school folder. We are also providing each kindergarten classroom with books on American History.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover and Preschool Programs: We took a break from programs after the summer reading program ended on July 31. The stuffed animal sleepover marked the beginning of preschool programs. Children dropped off their stuffed animals to experience a typical preschool program and then sleep over. When the lights went out, of course, the foolishment and fun began. Children picked up their stuffed animals in the morning and were given a story of their stuffed animal's adventure at the library. Preschool programs began again the week of August 16 with a slight hiccup. The Tuesday morning program was cancelled due to a power outage.

Saturday Programs: On the first Saturday of each month we host a Chess Club, run by a community volunteer at 10 a.m. and a STEM program at 11. The second Saturday the Roswell Museum offers programs in the Bondurant and we offer a cooking club in the Malone Room. The third Saturday, New Mexico Extension Services offers a Garden Club presentation and the library offers a STEM program at 11 a.m. On the fourth

Saturday we typically offer a special program. If there is a fifth Saturday we offer a family movie program.

Programs for Adults: Our programs for adults are gaining popularity. A Book and Bits book club is offered on the first Wednesday. While the second Wednesday is a craft program for adults. Computer training programs are offered on Saturday using curriculum developed by Senior Planet

E-Rate

FY2026 E-Rate: On August 6th the Roswell Public Library received \$5,404.32 in reimbursement for internet expenses from FY2026. The funds were returned to the general funds.

Spice Club: The spice of the month for August is Chili Power and the recipe.