

August 19, 2026, Bayard Public Library Council Report

We hired a Digital Navigator. Her name is Chelsea James and she comes to us with a wealth of relevant experience and a master's degree in library science. This is a part-time position funded through a nine-month grant from the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. The Digital Navigator will provide personalized assistance and workshops to community members seeking to improve their digital skills, access online resources, and navigate technology with confidence.

Beginning immediately, community members may receive free technology assistance by visiting the library during walk-in hours, Monday through Friday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., or by appointment. We can assist with a variety of digital needs, including:

- Basic computer skills
- Smartphone and tablet assistance
- Internet navigation and online safety
- Email setup and management
- Online job searching and applications
- Accessing government and community services online
- Microsoft Office and Google Workspace basics
- And more!

In addition to one-on-one assistance, we plan to offer future workshops and training opportunities based on community interest and need. To help guide these efforts, Grant County residents are encouraged to complete the library's digital literacy workshop survey which can be found on our website at bayardpubliclibrary.org.

The survey will help identify the types of technology training, workshops, and support services that are most beneficial to residents. Community feedback will play an important role in shaping future programming and ensuring resources meet the needs of the Mining District and greater Grant County.

We will be receiving a \$4,000 stipend to support the Digital Navigator program, and we plan to buy several Chromebooks to support the workshops.

Upcoming Programs

Saturday, August 22, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm, Bird-Safe Windows Workshop, led by Bird Alliance Southwestern NM

Saturday, August 22, 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Library Paint Party, AnneLiese Nachman will lead participants in a simplified landscape painting of the Mimbres Valley. Registration is required as there are only 10 spots in total. No painting experience is necessary.

Saturday, September 12, Tree Care Class, 11 am – 12 pm, led by Tree NM

Wednesday, September 16, 4 – 7 pm, Latino Conservation Week Celebration at Bayard Community Center and Mining District Cleanup, along the HWY in Bayard and Cameron Creek in Santa Clara.