

## ABOUT THE EL PASO PUBLIC LIBRARY

The El Paso Public Library is the oldest continuously operating public library system in the great state of Texas. It started in 1894 as a reading club for male students of teacher Mary I. Stanton. Ms. Stanton brought a collection of between 600 – 800 volumes of books with her from Georgia to El Paso. Her reading club became so popular that Stanton opened it to the public in 1895.

The first professional librarian to preside over the El Paso Public Library was **Belle F. Read** who was hired in 1900 to guide the operation of the Library.

In 1904, the Library board secured a grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation to build a stand alone library building at the site of the present Main Library at Cleveland Square.

The first branch of the El Paso Public Library was the Memorial Park branch which opened in 1950. Soon after, in 1954, a new Main Library was built at Cleveland Square. That building still makes up a portion of the new and renovated structure completed in 2006.

Today, the El Paso Public Library system includes the Main Library, 12 branches and 1 bookmobile. The system itself and the librarians who have been at its helm have influenced the development of libraries in Texas, the United States and even the world. Because of this great history, we like to say that El Paso Public Library is the First Public Library of Texas.



## EPPL FACILITIES

### Main Library

501 N. Oregon, (915) 543-5433

### Armijo Branch

620 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, (915) 533-1333

**Bookmobile**, (915) 543-5412

### Clardy Fox Branch

5515 Robert Alva, (915) 772-0501

**Cielo Vista Branch** – *currently under construction*

### Dorris Van Doren Regional Branch

551 Redd Rd., (915) 875-0700

### Esperanza Acosta Moreno Regional Branch

12480 Pebble Hills, (915) 921-7001

### Irving Schwartz Branch

1865 Dean Martin, (915) 857-0594

### Judge Marquez Branch

610 N. Yarbrough, (915) 591-3391

### Memorial Park Branch

3200 Copper, (915) 566-1034

### Richard Burges Regional Branch

9600 Dyer, (915) 759-2400

### Westside Branch

125 Belvidere, (915) 581-2024

### Ysleta Branch

9321 Alameda, (915) 858-0905

### Jenna Welch/Laura Bush Library

6701 S. Desert Blvd., (915) 831-8840

# It's Where

# You Need

# TO BE

Check out what's  
new @ your library



[www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org)



The El Paso  
Public Library  
[elpasolibrary.org](http://elpasolibrary.org)

## It's Free and Easy To Get A Library Card!

All you need to do is:

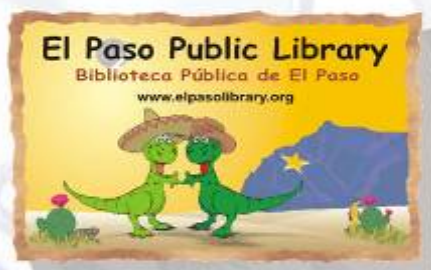
- Show a valid identification card with your photo, name, and current physical address and;
- Complete a library card application form.
- If your photo ID card does not include your current address, you will also need to supply a document such as a utility bill sent through the mail.

## Books, Periodicals, CDs, DVDs and more

As a registered cardholder, you can borrow as many non-reference resources and items as you need, except for a few limits on CDs, DVDs, revistas, and fotonovelas. Most items are loaned for up to 3 weeks.

## Computers and Internet Access

Your card entitles you to free use of our public access computers and Internet. Ask the library staff for your **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** which can be used to access our free computer service or to check your library account remotely over the Internet. **(Persons under the age of 18 need a parent or guardian's signature to use the Internet)**



For verification purposes, library cards must be issued to you in person. Adults who cannot come to the Library should call 543-5433 for information on **Homebound Services**.

Children, if you are 13 years old or younger, your parent or guardian must present his or her ID and authorize your library card application. Children are encouraged to be present when library cards are issued. **Military and consular personnel** and their dependents may show their government IDs when applying for library cards.

## The Library Does More Than Checkout Books!

- Free Internet access
- Free access to research databases with articles not found on the Internet
- Electronic books
- Regular story times for children
- Teen Hang-Out programs
- Special interest group activities and literacy classes for everyone
- Meeting rooms for public use at most locations.
- The Bookmobile also brings the Library to you.



## Requests for Library Materials

If you don't find what you need at one Library location, you can ask our staff to help you request those materials from one of our other facilities. You may also place requests over the Internet using your online account. **You can place up to 10 requests at one time!**

Your requests will be filled as soon as those items are available. You will be notified once your requested items arrive at the facility of your choice. Your items will be held for 5 calendar days.

If the items you need are not available in the El Paso Public Library system, please ask us about ordering them through [Interlibrary Loan](#).

## Returning and Renewing Library Materials

Materials must be returned on or before their due dates to avoid late fees. For your convenience, materials may be returned to any El Paso Public Library location.

Materials may be renewed up to two times, as long as no one else has requested them. You may renew materials in person, by telephone or over the Internet at [www.elpasolibrary.org](http://www.elpasolibrary.org).

## For Your Protection

Please report lost cards and name or address changes immediately. Be aware of the items your children check out. Make a note of the due date, keep your receipts and place your borrowed items in a location where they will be easy to find. These steps will help prevent you from incurring unnecessary fees.

## Late Fees and other charges

Over due items	\$0.15 per business day
Damaged items	\$2.50 per item
Lost or damaged A/V cases	\$1.00
Lost or damaged bar codes	\$1.00
Lost materials or materials damaged beyond use	replacement costs plus \$6
Replacement of lost library cards	\$2.25 for adults \$1.15 for kids

Fees may be paid by cash, check or money order. Patrons owing \$10.00 or more in fees will have their borrowing privileges temporarily suspended although arrangements can be made to have them restored.

Library cards damaged during normal use will be replaced for free. Library cards must be renewed every 2 years and require the same types of documents as a new registration.

If you pay for a lost item, then find it and return it with the receipt to any El Paso Public Library location within 6 months of your original payment, the replacement cost will be refunded to you.



**For more information, write or call  
[reference@elpasotexas.gov](mailto:reference@elpasotexas.gov)  
(915) 543-5433**