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# City of El Paso to Celebrate the Grand Reopening of Main Public Library

## Downtown Library Renovation Enhances Interior, Optimizes Public Use

**El Paso, TEXAS**—The City of El Paso invites the community to join in celebrating the grand reopening of the Main Library at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 10, 2025. The library is located at 501 N. Oregon Street.

Originally opened in 1954, the historic Main Library has undergone a comprehensive renovation as part of the City's plan to co-locate it with the newly opened, voter-approved Mexican American Cultural Center.

"It is more than just a place; it is an information hub, community gathering point and gateway to the world, that expands the minds of the old and young alike," said Norma Martinez, Director of El Paso Public Libraries. "Through this historical library, generations of El Pasoans have been provided the opportunity to cultivate their minds, so that they can learn about the rich cultural heritage that El Paso, has to offer to us, and its modernization will ensure that knowledge and history continues to carry our story into the future."

The renovation, managed by the City's Capital Improvement Department, focused on reimagining the library's interior to better serve the community's evolving needs. Improvements include enhanced space for print collections, modern reading nooks, private study rooms, and more. Visitors will now enter through a striking new glass entrance into a fully updated four-story facility housing unique collections found only in El Paso.

Key features of the redesigned library include:

- **Sub-Basement Level:** Administrative offices, restrooms, technology services, staff breakroom, and dedicated space for the Bookmobile.
- **Basement Level:** Computer lab and multimedia room, literacy center, main collection space, reading and study rooms, additional restrooms, and *Centre Future*—a new program focused on helping young El Pasoans plan for their future.
- **First Floor:** New glass-enclosed main entrance, Border Heritage and main collections with expanded work areas, renovated meeting room, Friends of the Library Bookstore, quiet room, and café area.
- **Second Floor:** Fully upgraded Children's Area and Teen Town, along with improved restrooms and storage areas.
- **Facility-Wide:** All-new furniture, finishes, and upgraded amenities throughout the building.

As the library prepares to welcome the public back, visitors can plan their visits around the following schedule:

- Monday and Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday – Thursday: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Friday and Sunday: 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The reopening of the Main Library reflects the City of El Paso's ongoing commitment to investing in vibrant, accessible public spaces that support education, culture, and community connection.

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