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Public Libraries to Unveil Book Collection that Focuses on Life on the Border

WHO: El Paso Public Libraries
WHAT: Release of Latino Voices Book Collection
WHEN: 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 30
WHERE: Chamizal Community Branch Library
2101 Cypress Ave.

The El Paso Public Libraries will officially unveil the *Latino Voices* book collection at 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 30, at the Chamizal Community Branch Library, located at 2101 Cypress Ave.

The announcement will include a special Storytime to celebrate the release of the collection, as well as recognize Día de los Niños, a day dedicated to celebrating children.

The *Latino Voices* collection highlights the experiences of life along the U.S.-Mexico border, offering a variety of culturally representative books. Titles include *How Moon Fuentez Fell in Love with the Universe* by Raquel Vasquez Gilliland, *Vamos, Let's Cross the Bridge* by Raul the Third, *Mexikid* by Pedro Martin, *My Two Border Towns* by David Bowles, and *Efren Divided* by Ernesto Cisneros.

This new collection provides the community with a valuable resource that promotes local cultural awareness and perspectives that are often underrepresented in mainstream literature.

"This new collection will help inspire local youth to feel more connected to literature and to their local libraries by providing books that reflect their everyday lives," said El Paso Public Libraries Director Norma Martinez. "Grants from organizations like the Texas Book Festival are essential in helping us build a collection that is accessible to every El Pasoan and one that they will want to read."

The collection was made possible through a grant from the Texas Book Festival, which was awarded to the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Library. The books are available for checkout at all El Paso Public Library locations and can be reserved online through the library's website. Public library cards are free to all residents with a photo ID and proof of local residence.

For more information on the *Latino Voices* collection and other services offered by the El Paso Public Libraries, visit www.ElPasoLibrary.org.

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