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Public Libraries to Host Book Release and Author Discussion—*Detained: A Boy's Journal of Survival and Resilience*

- WHO:** El Paso Public Libraries, Nuestra Palabra, and El Librotraficante
- WHAT:** Book Release and Author Discussion – *Detained: A Boy's Journal of Survival & Resilience*
- WHEN:** 2 p.m., Saturday, May 24
- WHERE:** Mexican American Cultural Center Auditorium
201 W. Franklin Ave.

The El Paso Public Libraries, in partnership with [Nuestra Palabra](#) and [El Librotraficante](#), will host a book release and author discussion for the new Simon & Schuster publication, [Detained: A Boy's Journal of Survival & Resilience](#).

The book chronicles the true story of a 13-year-old boy's harrowing journey from his native Honduras to the United States in search of his parents. Upon arriving at the U.S.-Mexico border, he was detained and held at a facility in Tornillo, Texas, where he kept a daily journal of his experiences. *Detained* offers a powerful first-hand account of his survival, resilience, and hope.

Author and professor Tony Diaz, also known as El Librotraficante, will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The event will feature co-author Ivan Gerardo Morales along with local authors and educators. This stop is part of a statewide book tour that includes Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and El Paso.

The event is free and open to the public. The book will also be available for sale at the event.

For more information about this event and other programs and services offered by the El Paso Public Libraries, visit www.EIPasoLibrary.org.

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