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El Paso Public Libraries Announce Temporary Closures for RFID Technology Upgrade

Branches to Close Briefly for Modernization Project

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Public Libraries will temporarily close each of its branches—one at a time—from August through November as part of a systemwide upgrade to implement Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology.

With the exception of the Main Library, which has already undergone the upgrade, each branch will close for approximately one to two weeks to allow staff to relabel circulating items with RFID tags. The technology upgrade will enhance checkout speed, improve inventory accuracy, and expand self-checkout options for library patrons.

“This upgrade is part of our commitment to providing faster, more efficient service,” said El Paso Public Libraries Director Norma Martinez. “We appreciate the community’s patience during these brief closures and we look forward to offering improved service as a result.”

The project includes:

- Tagging all circulating material with RFID tags
- Installing RFID readers at self-checkout stations and check-in desks
- Enhancing the automated materials handling systems

The enhancements aim to streamline returns, expedite checkouts, improve inventory control, and strengthen security.

Tentative Closure Schedule:

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| • Jose Cisneros: Aug. 4 | • Memorial Park: Oct. 6 |
| • Richard Burges: Aug. 11 | • Clardy Fox: Oct. 13 |
| • Armijo: Aug. 25 | • Judge Marquez: Oct. 20 |
| • Esperanza Acosta Moreno: Sept. 2 | • Enrique Moreno/Valle Bajo: Nov. 3 |
| • Westside: Sept. 15 | • Bookmobile: Nov. 10 |
| • Sergio Troncoso: Sept. 22 | • Chamizal: Nov. 10 |
| • Irving Schwartz: Sept. 29 | • Dorris Van Doren: Nov. 17 |

Patrons are encouraged to use alternate locations during their neighborhood library’s closure. Online services, including e-books, audiobooks, and research databases, remain available 24/7 at www.ElPasoLibrary.org.

For the latest updates on closures and reopening dates, please visit the website or follow the El Paso Public Libraries on social media.

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