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Public Libraries to Host Pantry Drive in Support of MLK Day of Service

Who: El Paso Public Libraries and The Mustard Seed Café
What: Pantry Drive Kickoff Event
When: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 15
Where: The Mustard Seed Café, 201 E. Sunset Rd.

In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, the El Paso Public Libraries and The Mustard Seed Café will kick off a weekslong pantry drive at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 15, at The Mustard Seed Café (201 E. Sunset Rd.). Donations will be accepted at all El Paso Public Library branches during normal business hours through January 30.

The Public Libraries invites the community to take part in the pantry drive that benefits The Mustard Seed Café, a local nonprofit kitchen serving individuals and families in need. Donations collected will help replenish café's kitchen supplies and support its ongoing mission to provide nourishing meals in a welcoming environment.

The pantry drive is part of the library system's commitment to service, community partnership, and Dr. King's call to turn compassion into action.

"MLK Day of Service reminds us that everyone can make a difference," said El Paso Public Libraries Director, Norma Martinez. "By hosting this pantry drive across our library branch locations, we are making it easy for residents to give back and support a vital community resource."

Community members are encouraged to donate new and unopened items that are within their expiration dates. Wishlist donations include a variety of pantry staples, kitchen supplies, and food-service items. A full list of requested items is available at all library branches and online at www.ElPasoLibrary.org.

For more information about El Paso Public Libraries services and programs, visit www.ElPasoLibrary.org

About The Mustard Seed Café

Founded in El Paso, The Mustard Seed Café is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving meals with dignity and respect. Learn more at www.MustardSeedCafe.org.

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