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## Get Ready to Hoot and Celebrate Lea's Birthday Bash at Clardy Fox Branch Library Public Libraries Celebrates Beloved Mascot

- WHO:** El Paso Public Libraries
- WHAT:** Birthday Celebration for Library Mascot Lea
- WHEN:** 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7
- WHERE:** Clardy Fox Branch Library, 5515 Robert Alva.

Everyone's favorite owl is turning another year wiser, and the community is invited to celebrate!

The El Paso Public Libraries will host a special birthday party for beloved mascot Lea from 2 to 5 p.m., Saturday, March 7, at the Clardy Fox Branch Library.

"Lea represents the heart of our library system: curiosity, learning, and community," said Public Libraries Director Norma Martinez. "This celebration is a wonderful way to bring families together and create joyful memories at their neighborhood library."

Families can enjoy an afternoon of mascot appearances, party games, prizes, and plenty of birthday fun for all ages. Lea's mascot friends will make a special appearance at 4 p.m., adding even more excitement to the celebration.

The event is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring friends, snap a selfie with Lea, and share the celebration on social media by tagging El Paso Public Libraries.

For more information on the birthday celebration as well as information on all programs and events organized by the El Paso Public Libraries, visit [www.ElPasoLibrary.org](http://www.ElPasoLibrary.org).

### About Lea

Lea is the official owl mascot of the El Paso Public Library, created to inspire a love of reading and strengthen the library's connection with the community. Since her debut in 2016, the friendly, costumed owl has become a familiar face at library programs, birthday celebrations, and outreach events, encouraging young readers to discover the joy of books.

After the mascot was introduced, the library invited the community to help choose her name through a public vote, and "Lea" was selected. The name is a play on the Spanish word *lee* (pronounced the same), meaning "he/she reads," a fitting tribute to literacy. The name also honors Tom Lea, the iconic El Paso artist, tying the mascot's identity to the city's rich cultural heritage.

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