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Public Libraries Invites Community to Dig Into Reading this Summer

Summer Reading Club Launches with Dinosaur Theme

EL PASO, Texas – Get ready to travel back in time and discover new adventures through reading! The El Paso Public Libraries is inviting the community to kick off Summer Reading Club 2026: Unearth a Story at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 6, at the Main Library, 501 N. Oregon.

This free, family-friendly celebration will bring the prehistoric theme to life with story time, special guests, a dinosaur parade, and a special El Paso Streetcar Read & Ride beginning at 11 a.m. Families, readers, and dinosaur enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to join the fun and help launch this year's summer reading challenge.

Inspired by the theme "Unearth a Story," this year's Summer Reading Club encourages children, teens, and adults to discover new worlds through books, spark their curiosity, and make reading part of their summer adventure through August 1. Visitors will find unique dinosaur displays at library branches across the city, making each library visit a new discovery.

Participation is free and easy. Community members can register online or download the Beanstack app to start tracking their reading progress.

"We want to encourage students to read with their families over the summer when they're not in school," said El Paso Public Libraries Director Norma Martinez. "Programs like the Summer Reading Club have proven to help children succeed in school and in life."

Throughout the summer, participants can check out books, track reading minutes, complete activities, attend special events, and explore library locations across the city to earn points, badges, raffle tickets, and prizes. Programs will be offered at all 14 library branches and on the Bookmobile.

Beyond the fun, summer reading helps children maintain important academic skills while supporting creativity, imagination, and lifelong learning. Reading can also help reduce stress and promote overall well-being for readers of all ages.

Participants can earn Dino Dollars to redeem for prizes at library prize stores and collect digital raffle tickets for opportunities to win exciting rewards. The community is also invited to help reach a shared goal of 2 million minutes read by August 1.

For more information, event schedules, or to register for the Summer Reading Club, visit www.EIPasoLibrary.org.

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