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The El Paso Public Library (EPPL) was established in 1894 making it the very first public library established in Texas. Today, our library system continues to provide local residents state of the art facilities and resources for literacy, information technology and lifelong learning. It is recognized nationally as an industry leader and stands as a testament to the progressive nature of our city.

In 2006, El Paso will celebrate the grand re-opening of the newly expanded and renovated Main Library in Downtown El Paso.

The 110,000 square foot facility will rival all others in the southwest and will be a source of pride for all of El Paso. Two new facilities, the Lower Valley Library and the Esperanza Acosta Moreno Regional Library, will also open in 2006 bringing the system's total number of facilities to 12 plus one bookmobile. EPPL also jointly operates the Bush / Welch Library with El Paso Community College at their Northwest Campus.

Library cards are free to all residents of the El Paso Region, the State of Texas and Doña Ana County, New Mexico. For more information, visit www.elpasolibrary.org or a branch nearest you.

DIVISIONS / CORE SERVICES:

- Books, newspapers, magazines, periodicals, videos, CDs, DVDs and other resources for loan
- Internet, computers, software, email and other information technology services
- General information, research assistance and other reference services
- Classes for ESL, citizenship, and basic computer use as well as resources for GED
- Programs that promote literacy, family, cultural diversity and lifelong learning

ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

Fiscal Year 2005 can only be described as a year of growth for EPPL. The Dorris Van Doren Regional Branch opened to the public for the first time in March. Likewise, construction on the new Main Library, as well as two new branch libraries, began in earnest. Despite these activities, service to the public continued unabated as the facts below suggest.

- Library visitation - 1,724,893
- Material Circulation - 2,228,466
- Total number of computer sessions - 313,679
- Number of Information Requests - 1,535,705
- Children participating in Summer Reading Club - 14,464
- Books given away at the Día de los Niños celebration - 30,000
- Collaborated to initiate Read El Paso Read - a program to increase literacy in El Paso

