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El Paso Public Libraries to Launch Summer Reading Program

Children Encouraged to Read Books During the Summer

- WHO:** El Paso Public Libraries
- WHAT:** Kickoff Celebration for Summer Reading Program
- WHEN:** 10 a.m., Saturday, June 1
- WHERE:** Armijo Branch Library, 620 E. 7th Ave.

The El Paso Public Library invites the community to the launch of the Summer Reading Program with a celebration happening at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 1 at the Armijo Branch Library.

The annual initiative aims to keep kids engaged in reading during the summer months when school is not in session. Studies show that children not engaged in reading or educational activities during the summer tend to regress academically. Programs such as the Summer Reading Program help curtail the phenomenon known as “summer learning loss” by keeping students mentally engaged.

The celebration includes a pledge to read books during the summer. As an incentive to join, the public libraries will have special grand prizes to raffle off for those who complete the registration and reading process. Official rules and regulations are listed on the library website.

In addition to taking a pledge, the celebration includes free books, prizes, mascots, music, refreshments, and a jumping balloon for children.

As part of the Summer Reading Program, all 13 branch libraries and the bookmobile will have special programs to accompany the reading initiative. Each branch will provide hundreds of free special events and programs that the whole family can enjoy over the summer.

To register for the Summer Reading Program, or to learn more about the El Paso Public Libraries visit www.ElPasoLibrary.org.

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