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NEWS RELEASE

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El Paso Public Libraries Launch Enhanced Library Card Program

WHO:	El Paso Public Libraries, City of El Paso Leaders, El Paso County Leaders, and Border Network for Human Rights
WHAT:	Unveiling Ceremony for Enhanced Library Card

- WHEN: 11:30 a.m., Friday, June 7
- WHERE: José Cisneros Cielo Vista Branch Library 1300 Hawkins Blvd.

The City of El Paso's Public Libraries, in collaboration with El Paso County and the Border Network for Human Rights, will launch the Enhanced Library Card (ELC) Program.

The new ELC is a free full-service library card, available to all City and County of El Paso residents 18 and older. The library card will contain personally identifiable information such as a patron's photo, name, address, height, weight, age, and gender.

In addition, the card can be utilized as a supplemental form of identification at all City and El Paso County offices. Private organizations may also register as program partners to accept the new ELC as a form of identification.

To obtain an ELC, patrons must have proof of identification and proof of residence within El Paso County. Furthermore, the card will contain added security features and will be non-transferable.

The card will be available at the following branch libraries during normal hours of operation:

- Jose Cisneros Cielo Vista Branch, 1300 Hawkins Blvd.
- Irving Schwartz Branch,1865 Dean Martin Dr.
- Westside Branch, 125 Belvidere
- Sergio Troncoso Branch, 9321 Alameda Ave.

Special pop-up events will also be available at various locations throughout the county to increase access to the ELC.

More information along with pop-up events, a complete list of acceptable documentation, and guidelines for the ELC can be found at <u>ElPasoLibrary.org</u>.

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