El Paso District Library Mission Statement

To provide a helpful and friendly environment for people of all ages to access and enjoy the world of information, to support learning in all its many forms, and to be a partner with other community organizations.

Library Hours:

Monday—Friday	9 am to 6 pm
Saturday	9 am to 1 pm

Friends of the El Paso District Library meet most months of the year. Inquire at the library if you would like to attend a Friends meeting.

Library Staff:

Library Director: Carla Skare

Children's Librarian: Lyssa Mattson

Clerks: Robin Heffron, Ann Simpson, Latina Williams, Patty Kleen, Connie Steffen, Terri Nuborazek

The El Paso District Library is a member of the R.A.I.L.S. Library System.

The El Paso District Library Board meets each month. Inquire at the library for the next date and time of the meeting.

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Welcome to El Paso District Library

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"Like" us on Facebook to get news feeds.

Check us out on Instagram, too!

Books

Our library has books on a wide variety of subjects. We have something for everyone, including board books for pre-school children and books in large print for those who are visually challenged.

Online Access

Our library catalog is available online from home through our website. You can review your account to see what you have checked out, renew your materials or place a hold on items that you would like to receive, all from the comfort of your home.

Interlibrary Loan

The EPDL is a member of the Resource Sharing Alliance (RSA) which offers access to the holdings of almost 200 libraries in the state. Most of the books, audios, and movies held by these libraries may be requested by our patrons online or our staff would be happy to place a hold for you.

Downloadable Options

E-books audiobooks, comics, music, TV programs, and movies are available to download from our website using Hoopla, the Palace Project App, or the Libby app. They are available in many formats to support a variety of devices.

Magazines and Newspapers

Magazines are available for both adults and children in subjects including sports, gardening, cooking, and entertainment. We also carry the local El Paso Journal and the Gridley Village Times.

DVDs

The library has a wide variety of movies. They may be checked out for free for a one week period. A limit of 5 DVDS per family per checkout is enforced.

Audios (Compact Discs)

For your listening pleasure, the library has many audio books available on CD and Playaway, as well as read-along sets of books and CDs in the children's department. These are a great way to make the time fly on long trips and while doing tedious chores.

Talking Books

This service is available to anyone who finds reading normal print challenging. The books are delivered by mail to your door. Ask for a brochure about this program.

Rooms for the community to use

We have two meeting rooms available for the community to reserve as well as a study room.

Preschool Story Hour

Children ages birth to 5 years old are invited to register for this fun time of games, songs, stories, and crafts. We meet from September to April.

Grade School Children

We work with teachers to encourage a lifelong love of reading for students. Talk with the children's librarian to see which grades participate.

Summer Reading

Patrons of all ages are encourage to participate in our summer reading program. We kick off the summer in early June with a special program, and continue each week with the entire family in mind. We wrap up with a special event at the closing program. Prizes are awarded weekly for reading goals.

Special Activities

Each month activities are planned for children and often for adults. Check the website or Facebook for the latest activities.

National Library Week

Activities are planned each April to celebrate libraries and reading during National Library Week.

Services Available

Black and white copies—15 cents per page

Color copies, single sided—40 cents per page

Color copies, double sided—80 cents per page

Sending a fax—50 cents per page

Receiving a fax—25 cents per page

Laminate—30 cents per page

Computers are available for patrons to use at no charge.

Technology is available to view old newspapers (years1888-2000).

We also deliver to homebound patrons.