A Dynamic Partnership

Jenna Welch & Laura Bush Community Library

Monica Wong, Head Librarian, El Paso Community College at Northwest
Our Unique Location

City County line without a public library

Low income agricultural area & affluent Upper Valley

Predominantly Spanish speaking

Low literacy level

Library serves as a bridge to an education complex: EPCC NW Campus, NW Early College High School, Head Start and CISD High School
Partnership between an academic and a public library

- 1970 1st EPCC librarian serves students at public library
- 1988-1998 EPCC & Public Library automate libraries jointly
- 2003 EPCC & EPPL agree to jointly support a community library at Northwest Campus

A ten-thousand sq. ft. new library building
A Good Beginning

- Excellent timing
- Need for library services
- Visionary administrators
- Mutual missions
- Willing staff
- Available resources

Top level commitment:
President
Dr. Richard Rhodes
Library Director
Carol Brey-Casiano
Mayor
Ray Caballero
The Name Change:
Jenna Welch & Laura Bush Community Library

- 2005 the library was dedicated to the First Lady’s mother, Jenna Welch and her daughter, Mrs. Laura Bush
El Paso Community College

- Facility, furniture and technology
- $400,000 budget + maintenance
- 12,000 academic collection
- 3.4 FT librarian, 6.5 support staff, 6 work study students
- Library processing using LC
- Campus police
- Operating hours: 64.5

El Paso Public Library

- $15,000 annually in library books
- One FT Children/ Youth Librarian
- Public library programming
- Courier service once a week
Children’s Corner

EPCC Reserve 200 sq. ft to create Children’s Corner and add 7 computer workstations, EPPL Provides Programming & books
Dual Mission

Academic

3,100 FTE students
295 faculty & staff

Community

714 adults
602 minors
What we do

American Libraries  April 2008

LEARNING

At the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library, college students share library space with teens, babies, and grandparents

by Young C. Jackson and Helen Wall

The library partnership was created by EPPC President Richard Rhodes and El Paso Public Library Director David Bragonier. "With passion, perseverance, and trust, joint-use partnerships can be rewarding experiences," Rhodes emphasized while serving as a panelist in a program on joint-use partnerships at the American Library Association's 2005 annual conference.

Both EPPC and EPLP are driven by a common goal—serving the underserved community in the southeast section of the city. This dynamic partnership has been strengthened by efforts from such local organizations as the Camilla Independent School District, the El Paso Independent School District, and EPPC.

Named in honor of Jenna Welch, who grew up in the community, and her daughter, Lucius Bush—the over 10,000-

Babies learning and teens participating in fun activities in the middle of an academic library are redefining what a library can be.
Early Literacy for 185 EPISD school age parents
last Wednesday of the month, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Technology & Family Literacy

Migrant toddlers & moms
Year Round Programs

Christmas

Halloween

Easter

Persian New Year

Chinese New Year
Year Round Programs

Anime Club

Saturday stories

Spring Arts Festival
SUMMER PROGRAMS
SUMMER Reading Clubs
Teen Reading Clubs
Benefits

• Shared Resources

• EPCC students & staff use library facilities together with their children

• Extended library services & hours to an underserved community

• Partnership programming increases library’s vital role in the community

• Library staff learns a new organizational culture and skills for employment

• Grant opportunities
• Texas Humanities Book Grants, $1,000

• Target Grants, $3,000 for Technology and Family Literacy Project

• Dollar General $3,000 for Science Fair Project

• El Paso Community Foundation $1,000 for Sign Language

• HUD HSIAC grant $600,000 for a Family Literacy Center

• Texas State Library Special Project Grant, $50,000 for Technology and Family Literacy Program 2010

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Challenges

• explain to users our dual mission
• serve without adequate facility & funding
• deal with noise & lack of computers
• seek additional resources by collaborating with others and looking for funding
• work with two different institutional cultures, policies and reporting structures
• tailor LC and circulation to meet needs of public
• solve parking problem – fee or free
STATE OF TEXAS  

FIRST AMENDMENT TO  
INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

COUNTY OF EL PASO  

THIS FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT is made, effective as of the date written on the signature page, between the following Parties:

City:  
City of El Paso, Texas

EPCC:  
El Paso Community College

RECITALS

WHEREAS, The City and EPCC entered into an Interlocal Agreement on February 25, 2003 to establish a jointly supported and managed library facility ("the Community Library") at the Northwest Campus of EPCC to serve the families and students of Northwest El Paso through which EPCC provides the library facility, technology, a library collection, staff and other support for the Community Library; and

WHEREAS, Under that Interlocal Agreement, the City provides staff and staff training, library materials, collection support, and programs for children and families; and

WHEREAS, The establishment and operation of the Community Library will provide library facilities and services for children, young adults, adults, and college students in the Northwest El Paso area and, as such, serves a useful and necessary public purpose; and

WHEREAS, The parties wish to amend the Interlocal Agreement to provide clarification and to update the services provided.

FOR THESE REASONS, and in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Article One of the Interlocal Agreement is amended to read as follows:

   ARTICLE ONE  
   Agency Relationship

   The Parties are independent contractors. Except as may be expressly and unambiguously provided in this Agreement, no partnership or joint venture nor any principal-agent or employer-employee relationship is intended to be created by this Agreement. Except to the extent expressly
provided in this Agreement, neither of the Parties has, and neither of the Parties shall attempt to assert, the authority to make commitments for or to bind the other Party to any obligation.

2. Article Two of the Interlocal Agreement is amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE TWO

Scope of Contributions and Services - Incorporation by Reference

EPCC and the City agree to make the contributions and provide the services in furtherance of the Community Library as more fully described in the Scope of Contributions and Services attached to this Agreement as Exhibit “A.” The Scope of Contributions and Services is expressly incorporated into and made a part of this Agreement for all purposes.

All City contributions shall take the form of a cash transfer of funds received by EPCC and reported in EPCC financial statements. An amount not to exceed $37,000 per year shall be transferred to EPCC from the City. These transferred funds shall be recognized as revenue and expenditures or expenses in the City budget. The City serves only as a cash conduit, and therefore the funds must be reported in the EPCC budget each year. The City merely transmits moneys with limited administrative or direct financial involvement in the program: The City has administrative involvement by monitoring EPCC’s use of the funds for compliance with program-specific requirements, and has the ability to exercise discretion in how the funds are allocated, as specified in this agreement.

3. Exhibit “A” of the Interlocal Agreement is amended to read as attached hereto and incorporated into the First Amendment to Interlocal Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

(signatures follow on next page)
EXECTED this 11th day of December, 2012 ("Effective Date").

ATTEST:

Richarda Duffy Momsen
City Clerk

CITY OF EL PASO

Joyce A. Wilson
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kristen L. Hamilton
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Dionne Mack, Director
El Paso Public Library

ATTEST:

By:
Name (printed): Edward W. Dunbar
Title: General Counsel

EL PASO COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

By:
Name (printed): William Serrata, Ph.D.
Title: President
Exhibit “A”

SCOPE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES

I. EPCC will provide the following:

A. Library Facility at 6701 South Desert Blvd., El Paso, Texas 79932

1. Facility and maintenance – facility will be open to community
2. Utilities and janitorial service
3. Liability insurance
4. Library furnishings
5. Shelving
6. Telephones
7. Work space
8. Photocopiers, facsimile machines, and scanners
9. Campus Police

B. Technology

1. Computers and technical support and maintenance/computer classes for adults
2. Cabling and networking
3. Internet access
4. Electronic databases
5. Software: word processing, presentation, and spreadsheet
6. Venda card system for printing
7. Training room facility and equipment (i.e., LCD projector)
8. Computer training workshops

C. Staff and hours of operation

1. Staff: One full-time professional, five part-time librarians, one full-time and three part-time library clerks, and Work-Study students
2. Operating hours: 62.5 hours per week

D. Collection

1. 7,000 volumes: print and multimedia
2. Online catalog
3. Assistance with cataloging and processing of materials (ID with label: “Property of El Paso Public Library”)
4. 50 periodicals and newspaper subscriptions
E. Other

1. Grant/funding assistance
2. Courier service between EPCC campuses

II. The City will provide the following:

A. Staffing and staff training

1. $35,000 annually to support staffing and staff training

B. Collection

1. Books, magazines and multimedia materials
2. Cataloging of books and other materials – El Paso Public Library (EPPL) shall provide materials; EPCC staff will catalog and process material with access by EPCC and EPPL systems.

C. Children and family programs: Contribution of $2,000 to support:

1. Storytelling and other literary and/or cultural programs for all ages
2. Outreach to local schools
3. Artistic performances.
4. Recreational supplies.

D. Other

Courier service between EPPL branches and Community Library