



El Paso Community College Northwest Family Literacy Center

Purpose: HUD HSIAC grant of \$600,000 with EPCC matching fund of \$780,000 to build a 5,000 sq. ft. family literacy center to expand the Jenna Welch and Laura Bush Community Library's literacy, and technology programming for families in the Northwest area of El Paso County including Canutillo, Vinton, Westway and Anthony, Texas. This is a predominately underserved, Hispanic, agricultural, low to moderate area.

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Types of Activities:

Community Programming (2009-10)

- Intergenerational family activities (weekly & summer): 526 activities, 300 plus families registered
- Adult programming: 4 Financial Literacy and 12 Computer Basics classes, 64 attended
- Teen programming: Weekly Anime Club; Summer Harry Potter and Twilight Reading Clubs, 80 plus teens participated
- Special programs: Science Fair Workshops for 200 CISD 5th graders; Spring Arts Festival, 256 attended, Literary Fiesta; 187 attended
- Babies @ the Library(Monthly), 110 parents with babies attended; Interactive Technology and Literacy for Toddlers and Parents (8 weeks), 106 parents and children participated



Architectural Design

Extensive planning for building extension (July – December 2010) with Alvidrez Architectural Firm together with EPCC Physical Plant, IT, Police Security, Campus Dean, Media Center, Purchasing Department. The Family Literacy Center comprises one large multipurpose room with kitchen facility, 3 multi-media group learning rooms, children's area with shelving for 2,000 books, family reading area, and plans for a future Reading Garden.



Advisory Committee

Convened a committee formed of a parents, students, community representatives, EPCC, CISD, Head Start and Public Library administrators, and member of Library Friends Group.



New Partnership with Head Start

Our new partner is the principal of a 425 children Head Start facility built on the Northwest Community College Campus. This adds a new dimension to our existing partnerships with the El Paso Public Library, Canutillo ISD, El Paso ISD, TEA Region 19 and YWCA.

